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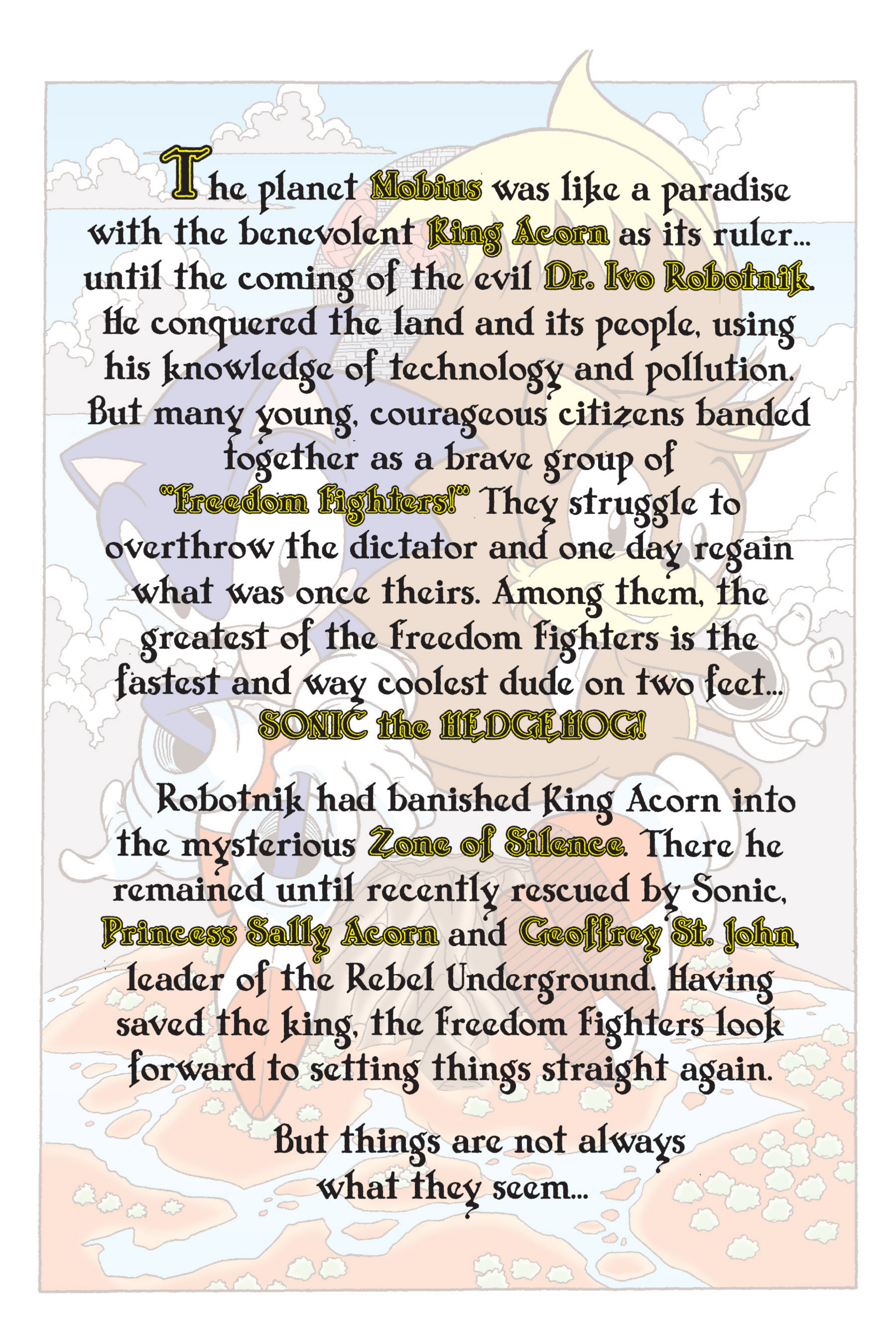
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THE DEATH EGGSAGA™

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The planet **Mobius** was like a paradise with the benevolent **King Acorn** as its ruler... until the coming of the evil **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**. He conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of "**Freedom Fighters!**" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and one day regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the Freedom Fighters is the fastest and way coolest dude on two feet...

SONIC the HEDGEHOG!

Robotnik had banished King Acorn into the mysterious **Zone of Silence**. There he remained until recently rescued by Sonic, **Princess Sally Acorn** and **Geoffrey St. John**, leader of the Rebel Underground. Having saved the king, the Freedom Fighters look forward to setting things straight again.

But things are not always what they seem...

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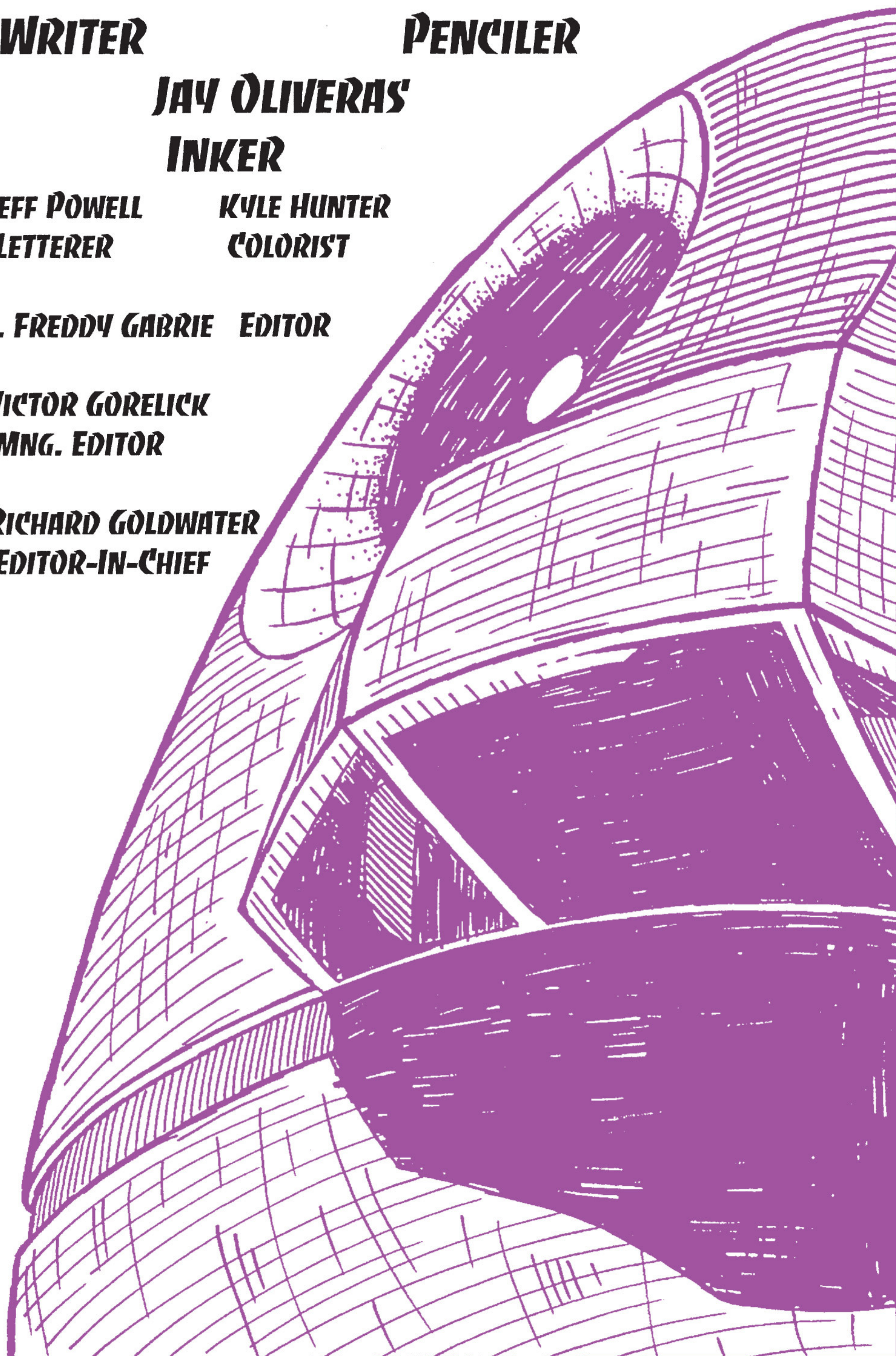
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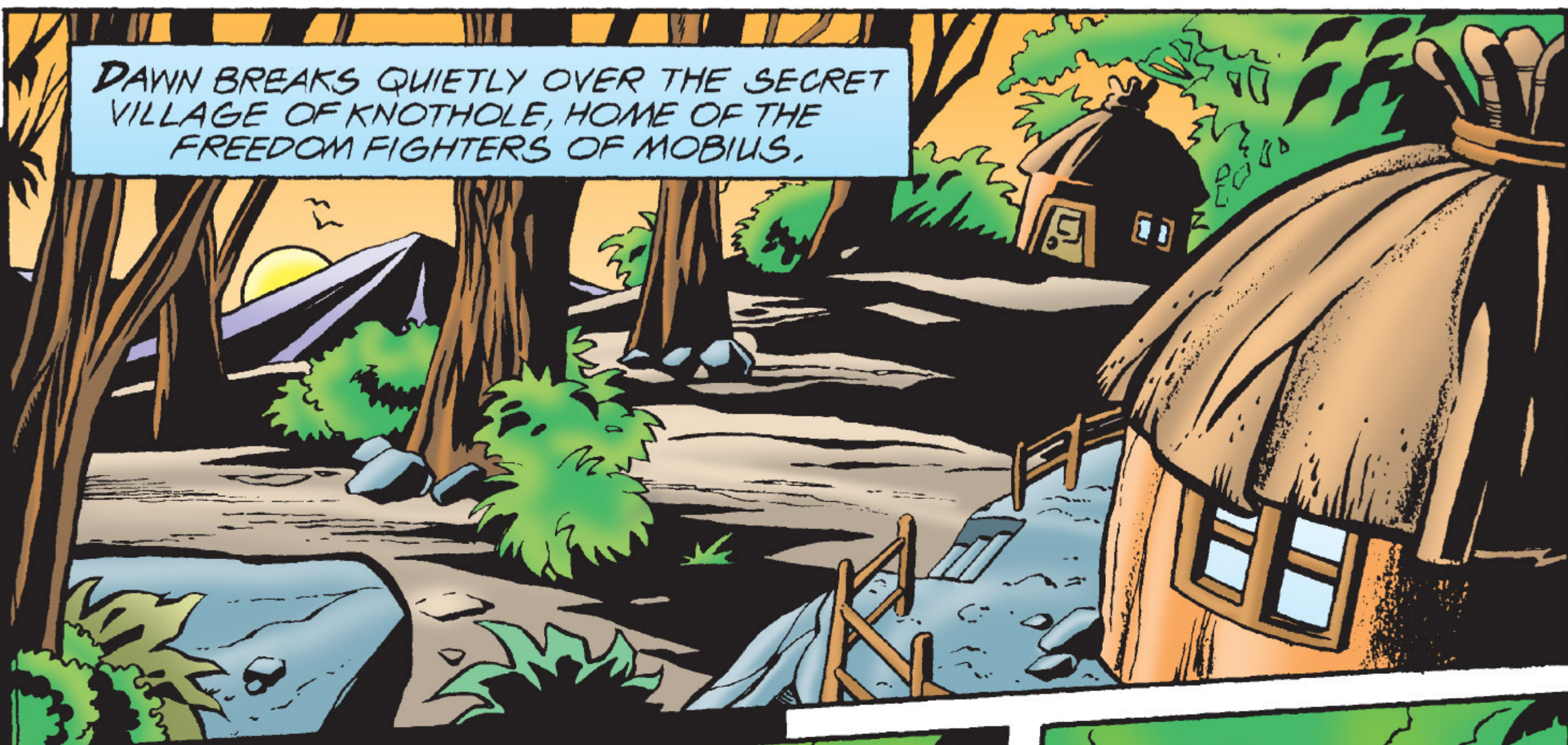
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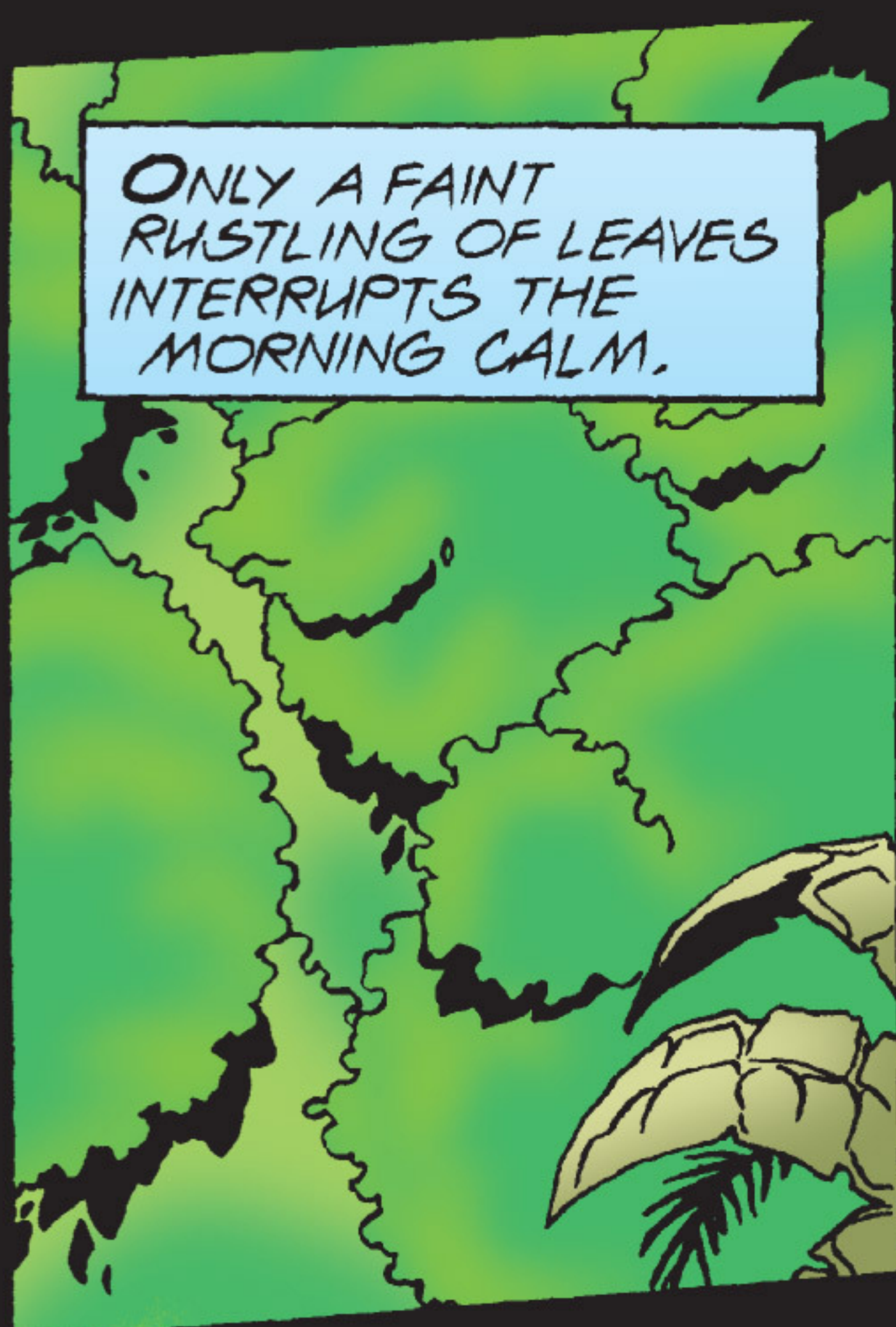
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DAWN BREAKS QUIETLY OVER THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE, HOME OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF MOBIUS.



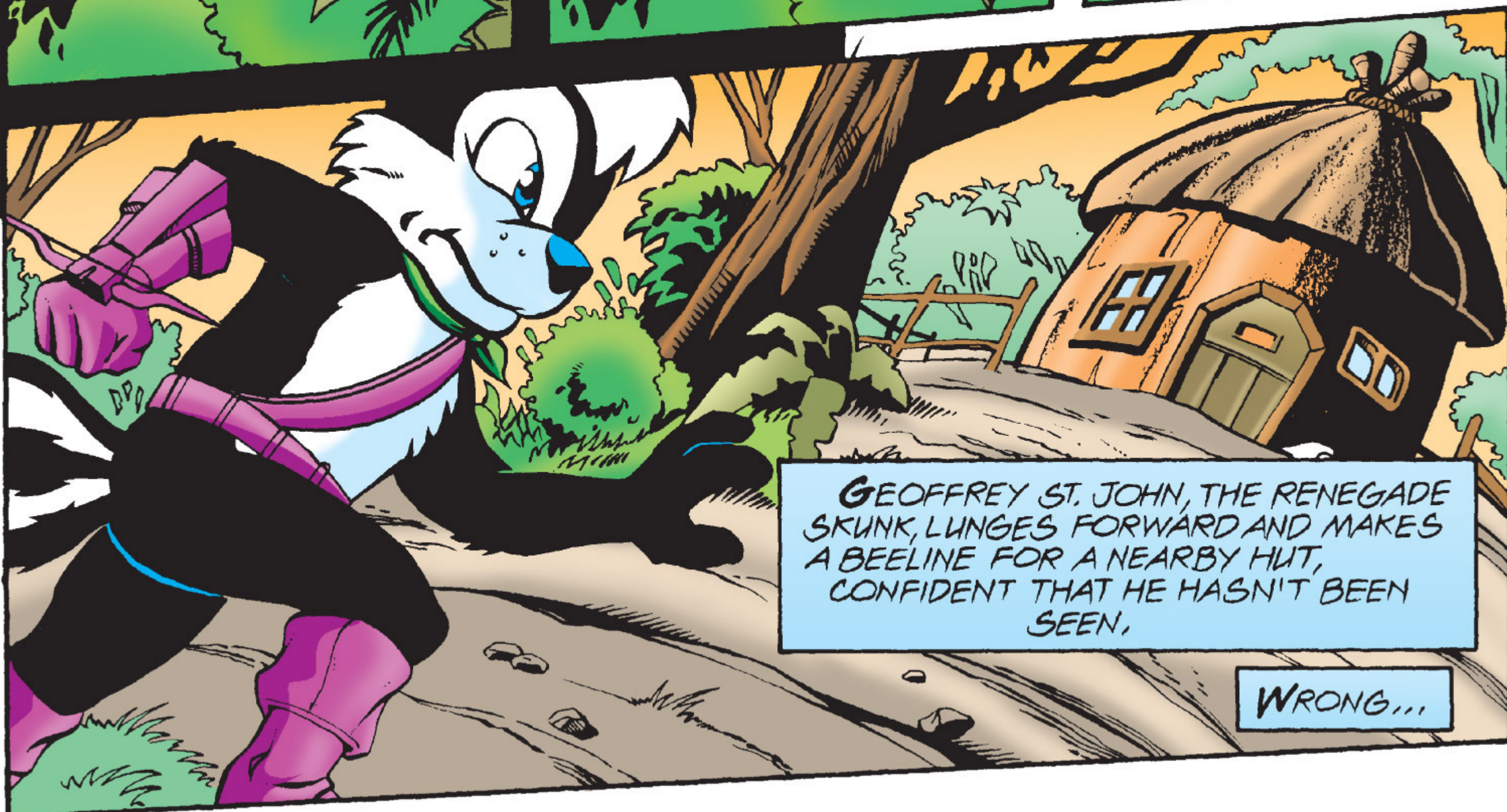
ONLY A FAINT RUSTLING OF LEAVES INTERRUPTS THE MORNING CALM.



SLOWLY, A PAIR OF EYES APPEARS WITHIN THE BUSHES.



EVER SO CAUTIOUSLY, A FACE EMERGES FROM THE FOLIAGE.



GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, THE RENEGADE SKUNK, LUNGES FORWARD AND MAKES A BEELINE FOR A NEARBY HUT, CONFIDENT THAT HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN.

WRONG...

ZROOSH

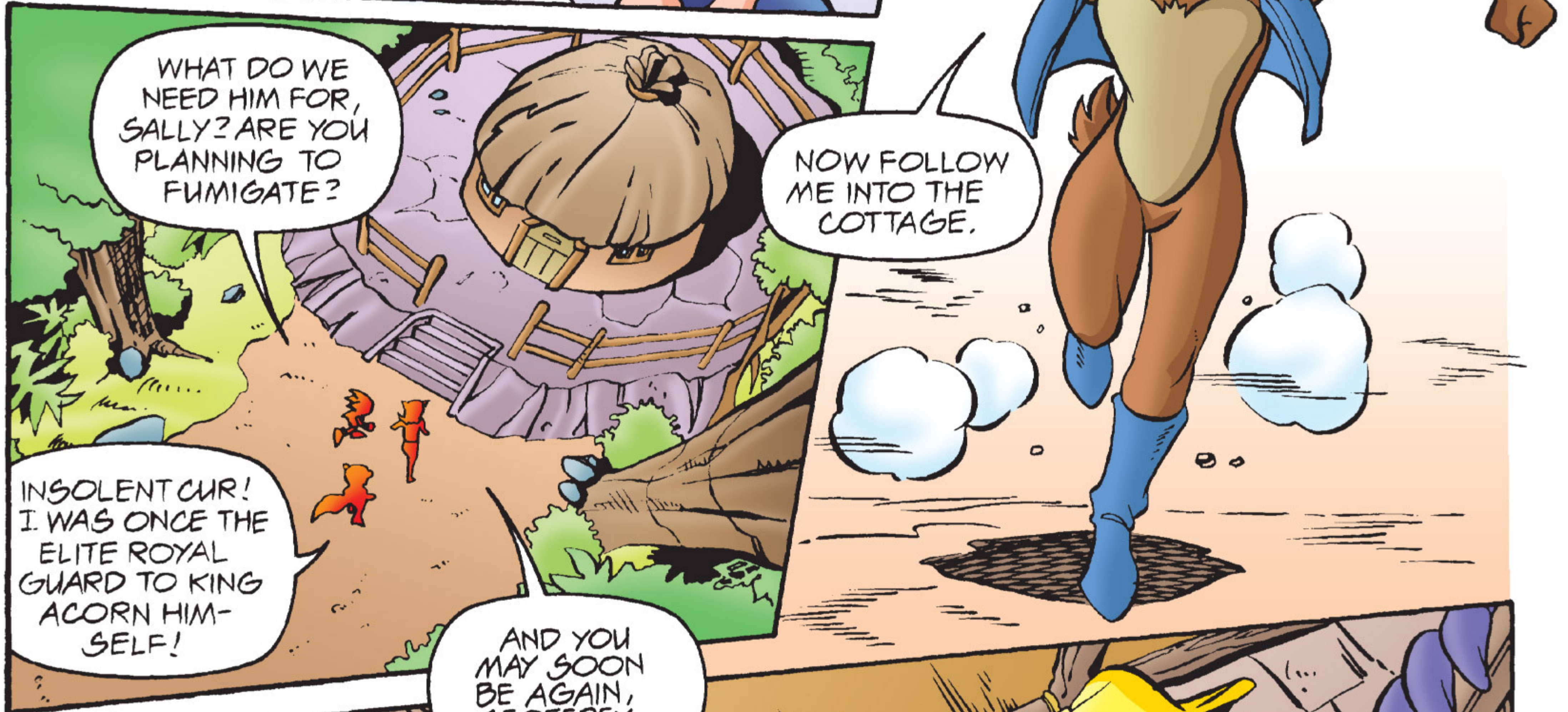
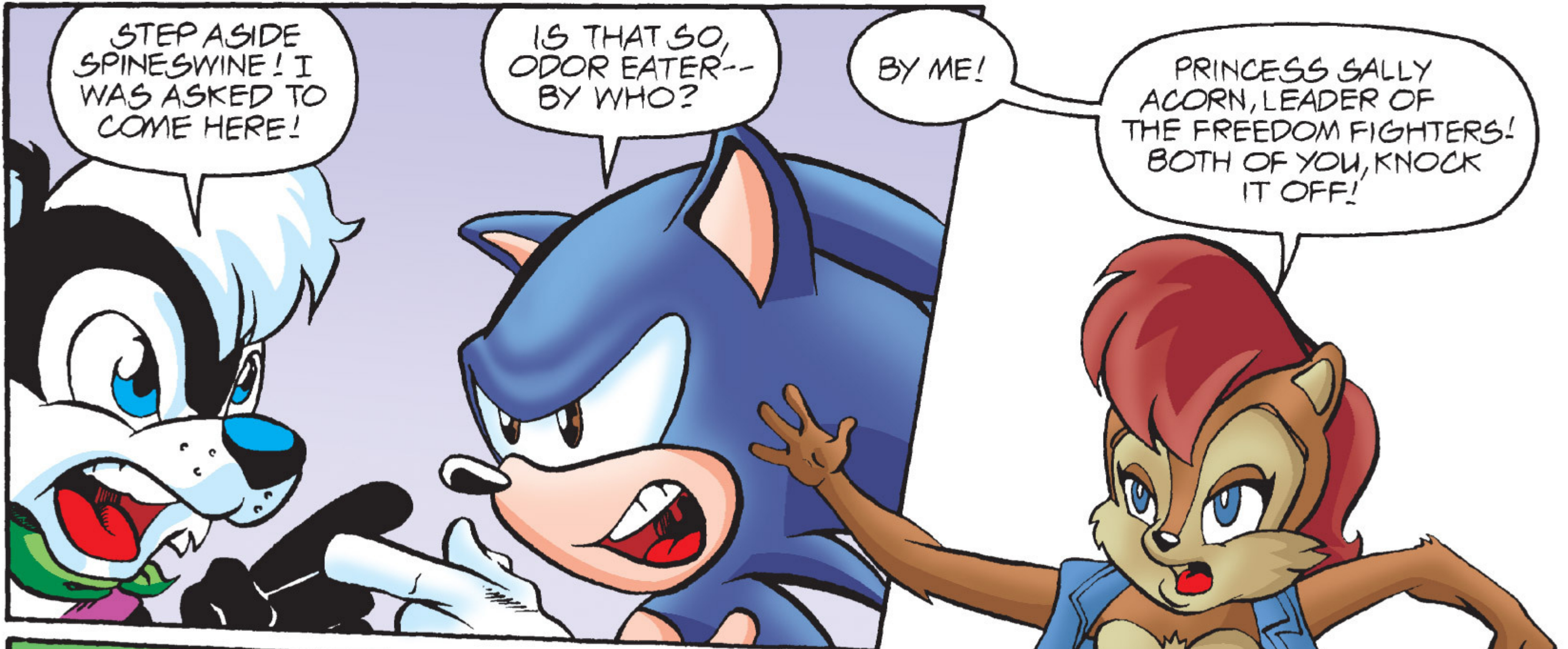
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG™

GOING
SOMEWHERE
UNAUTHORIZED,
STINKPOT?

SONICQUEST:

THE DEATH EGG SAGA
BOOK ONE

SCRAMBLED
UNWARRIED



OH, GEOFFREY!
SO MUCH HAS
HAPPENED AROUND
HERE, I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHERE TO
BEGIN...

"THE EVIL IVO ROBOTNIK
MANAGED TO ROBOTICIZE
OUR PREMIER FREEDOM
FIGHTER INTO MECHA-SONIC!"

"MOST OF KNOTHOLE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.
SONIC WAS COURT-MARTIALED, BUT EVENTUALLY
CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES. RECONSTRUCTION GOT
UNDER WAY.

"NOT LONG BEFORE THAT, A
VICIOUS EARTHQUAKE STRUCK
ROBOTROPOLIS DURING A RAID.
WE BARELY ESCAPED.

"AND ALL THIS BEFORE YOU, ME AND SONIC
RECOVERED MY FATHER KING ACORN FROM
THE ZONE OF SILENCE WHERE HE WAS
BEING HELD CAPTIVE!"*

*RECAPPING EVENTS FROM SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 10+11 AND SONIC SELECT VOL. 2

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE KING'S CONDITION HAS GOTTEN WORSE. DR. QUACK WAS ABLE TO TEMPORARILY STABILIZE HIM BUT HE STILL REMEMBERS NOTHING! HE'S DIS-ORIENTED, DELUSIONAL AND STRANGEST OF ALL, HIS SKIN IS CRYSTALLIZING!

FOR THIS AND OTHER SECURITY REASONS, WE'VE NOT REVEALED HIS RETURN TO THE GENERAL POPULACE, WE CAN'T RISK PANIC. THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, GEOFFREY.

WE NEED YOU TO GUARD THE KING AND MAINTAIN THIS SECRET. WILL YOU RE-ASSUME YOUR POSITION AS ELITE ROYAL GUARD WHILE WE TRY TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH?

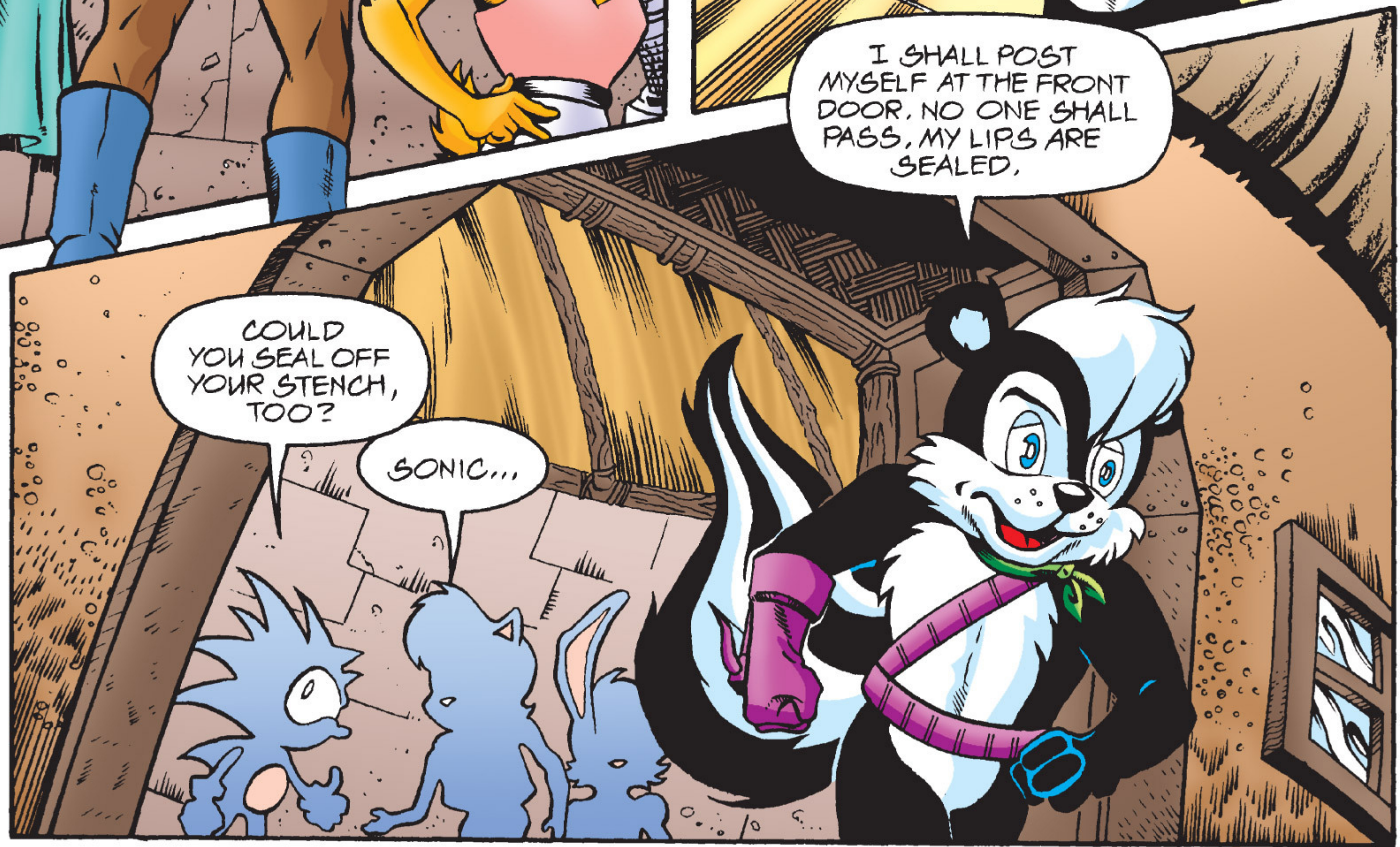
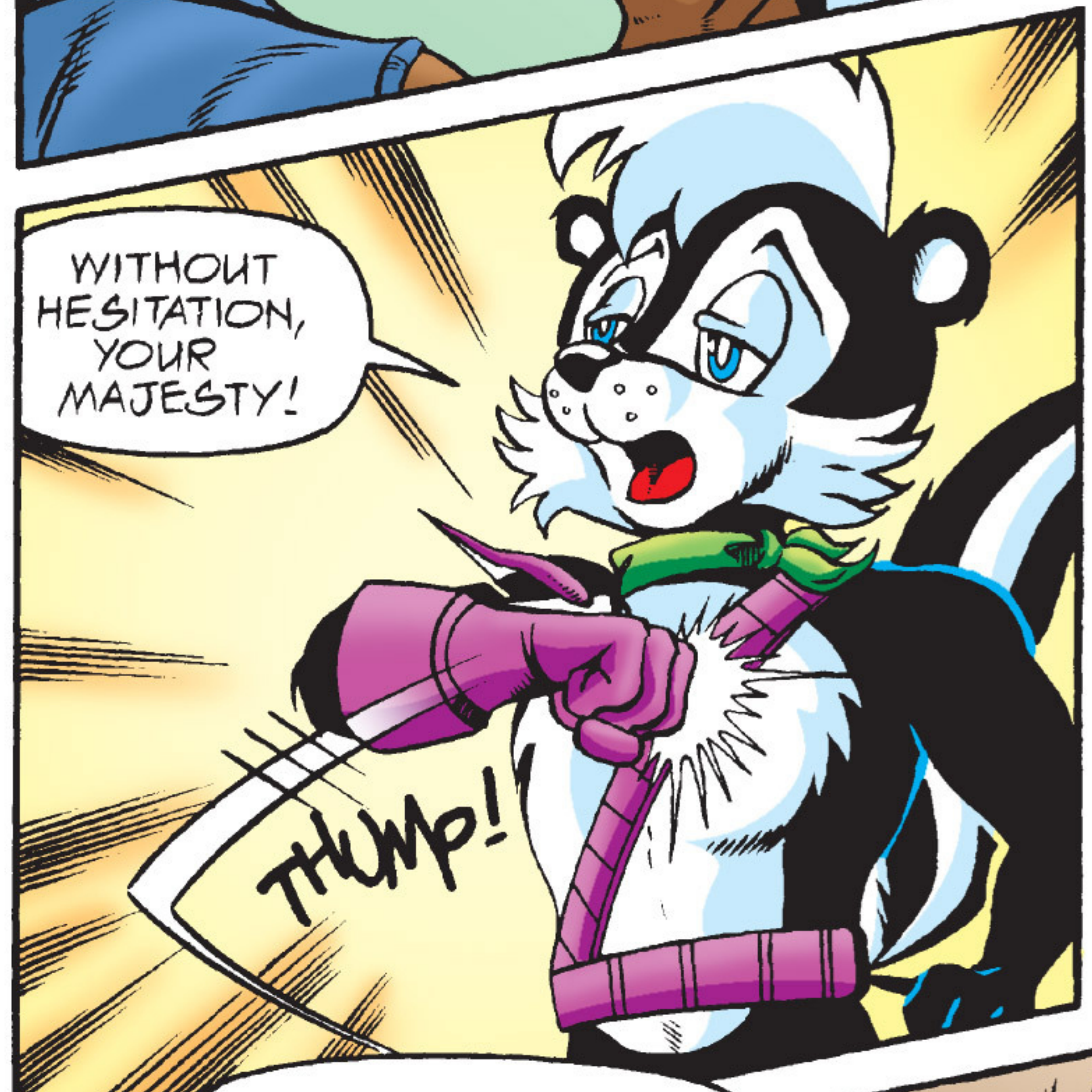
WITHOUT HESITATION, YOUR MAJESTY!

THUMP!

I SHALL POST MYSELF AT THE FRONT DOOR. NO ONE SHALL PASS, MY LIPS ARE SEALED.

COULD YOU SEAL OFF YOUR STENCH, TOO?

SONIC...

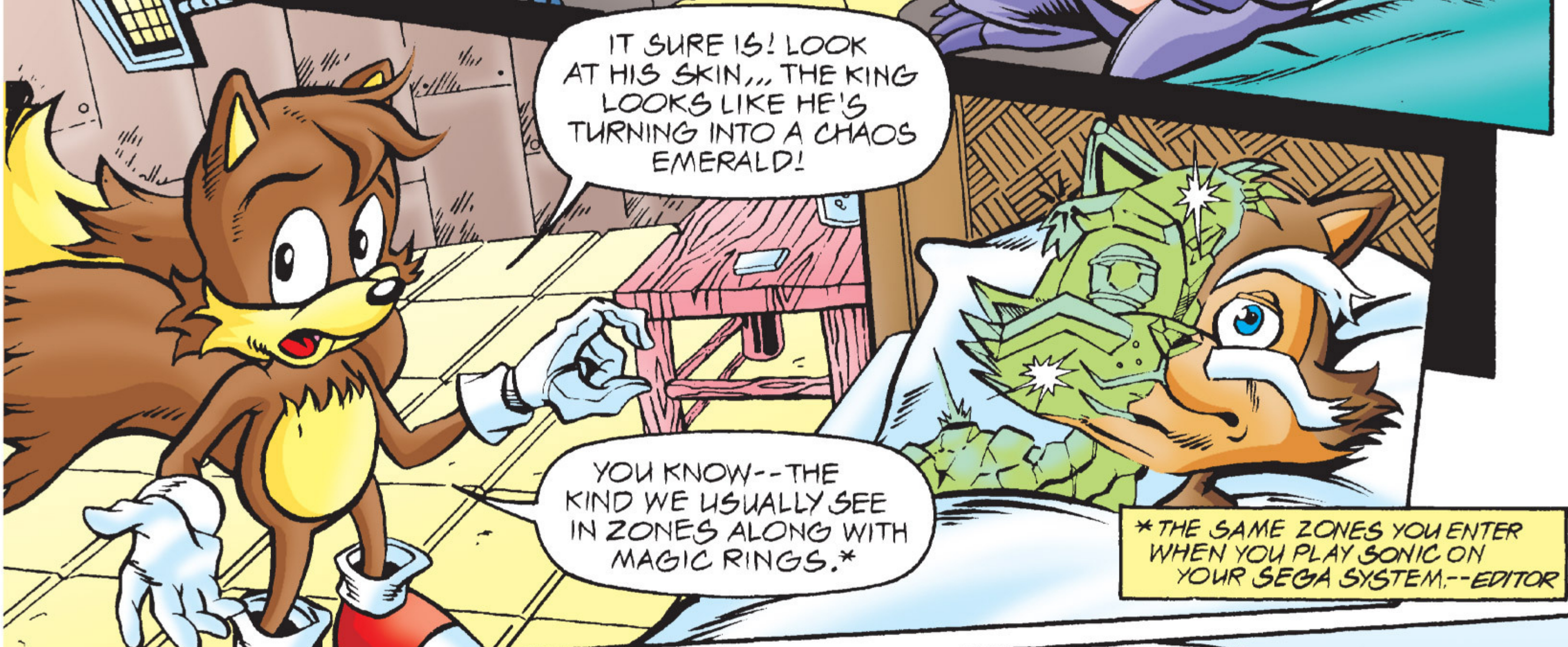




OH, DEAH--
YOUR DADDY'S
LOOKIN' MIGHTY
POORLY,

YES, BUNNIE.
ISN'T THERE SOME-
THING YOU CAN DO,
ROTOR?

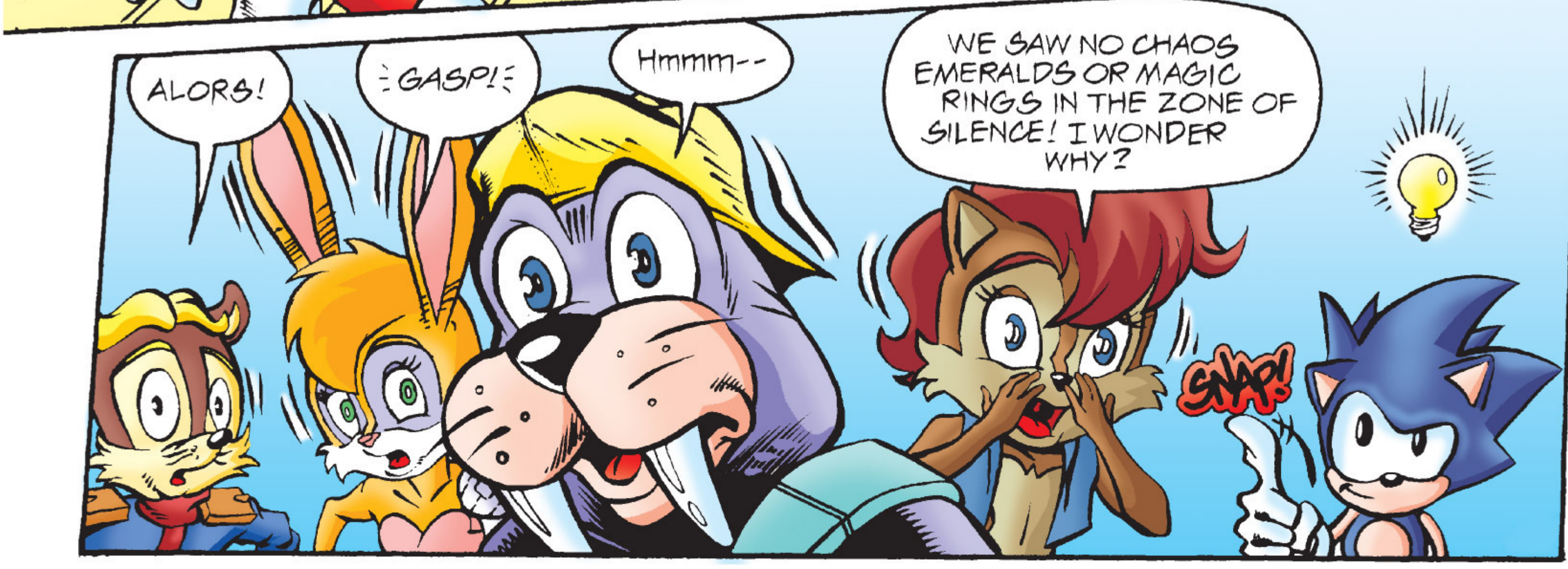
HARD TO SAY, KING
ACORN MUST HAVE ADJUSTED
TO THE RADICAL ATMOSPHERE
IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE,
NOW OUR AIR SEEMS TO BE
ADVERSELY AFFECTING
HIM.



IT SURE IS! LOOK
AT HIS SKIN,,, THE KING
LOOKS LIKE HE'S
TURNING INTO A CHAOS
EMERALD!

YOU KNOW--THE
KIND WE USUALLY SEE
IN ZONES ALONG WITH
MAGIC RINGS.*

*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER
WHEN YOU PLAY SONIC ON
YOUR SEGA SYSTEM.--EDITOR



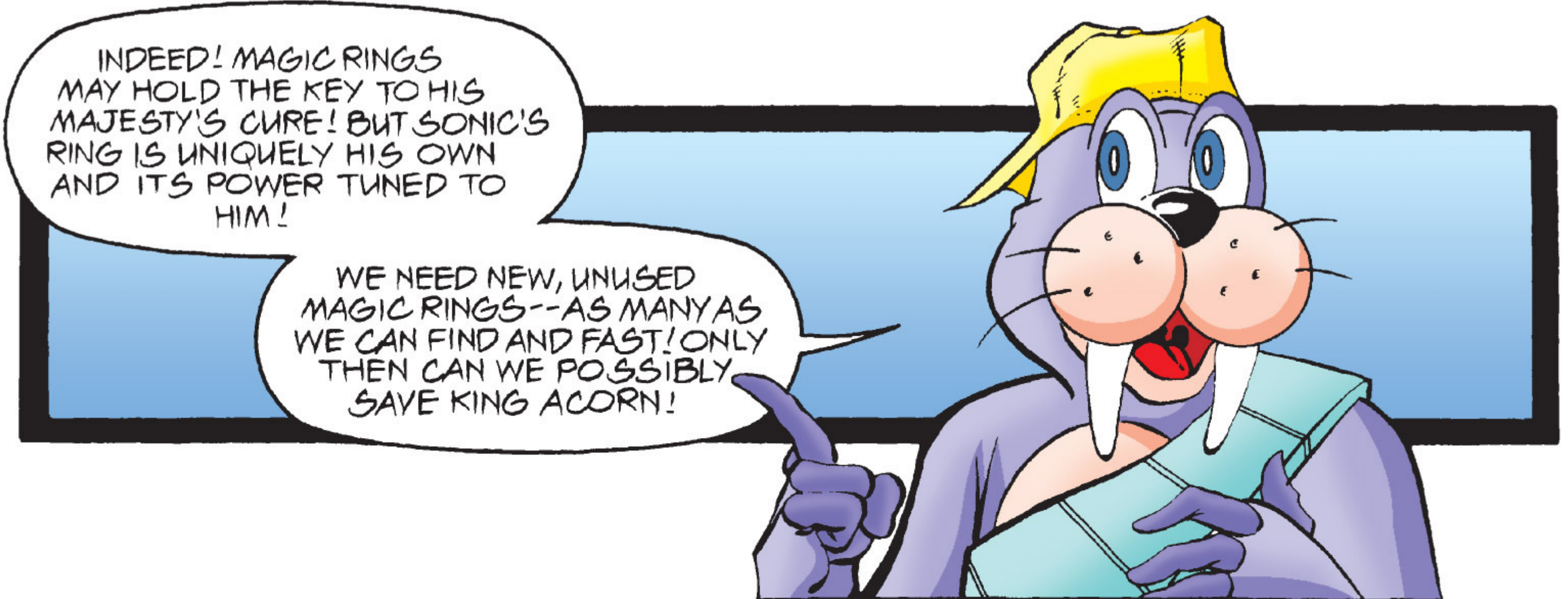
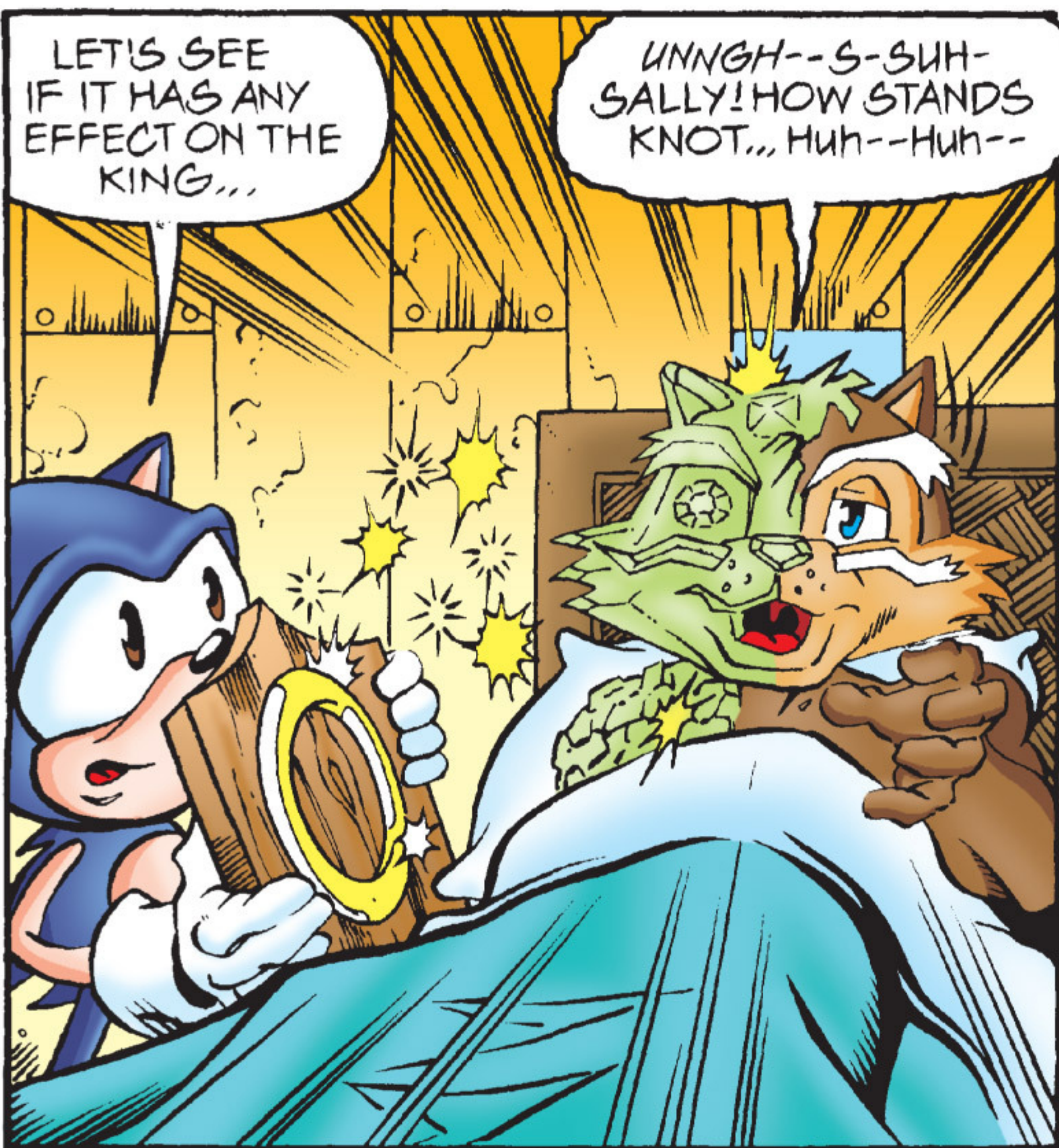
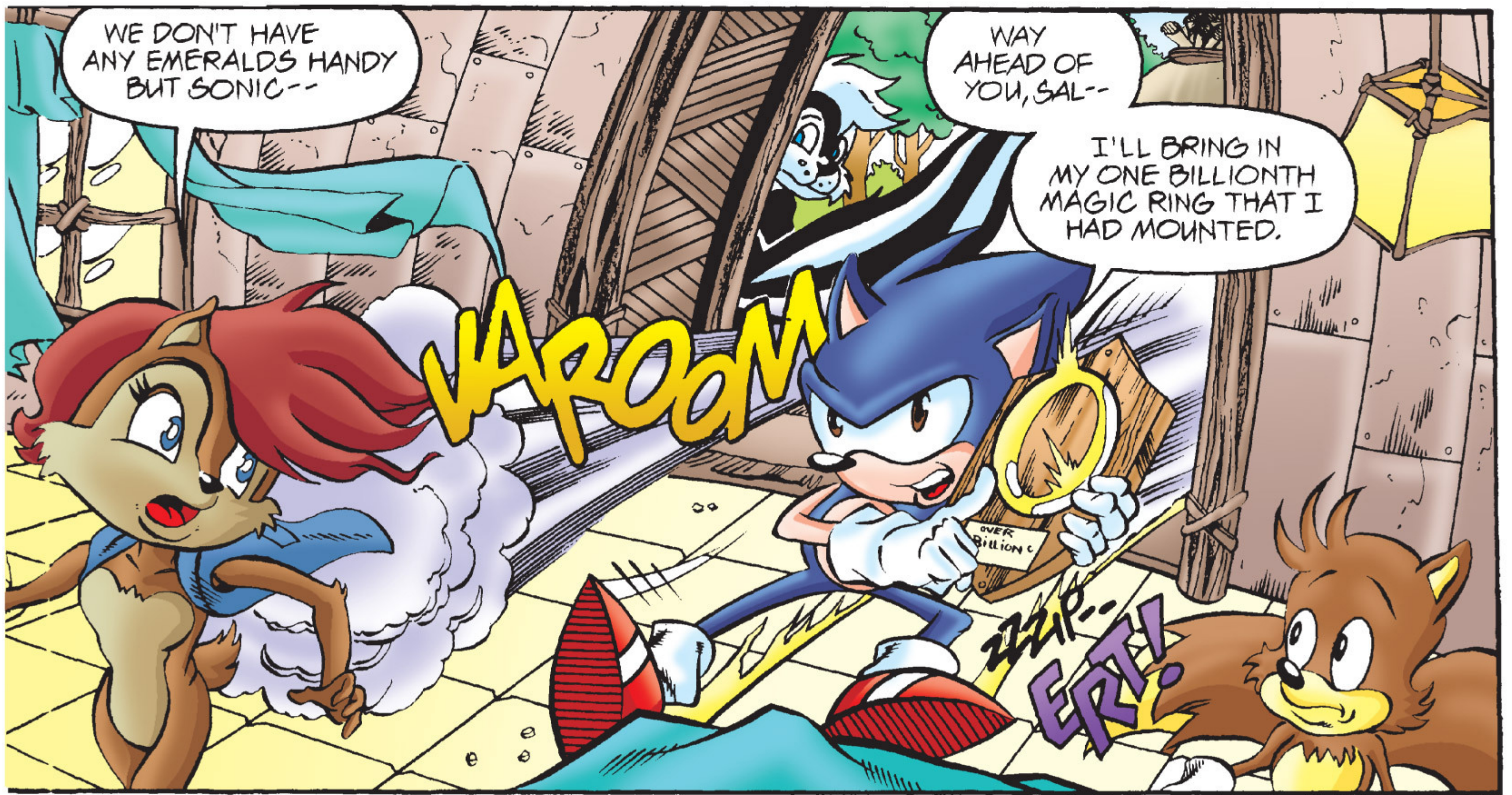
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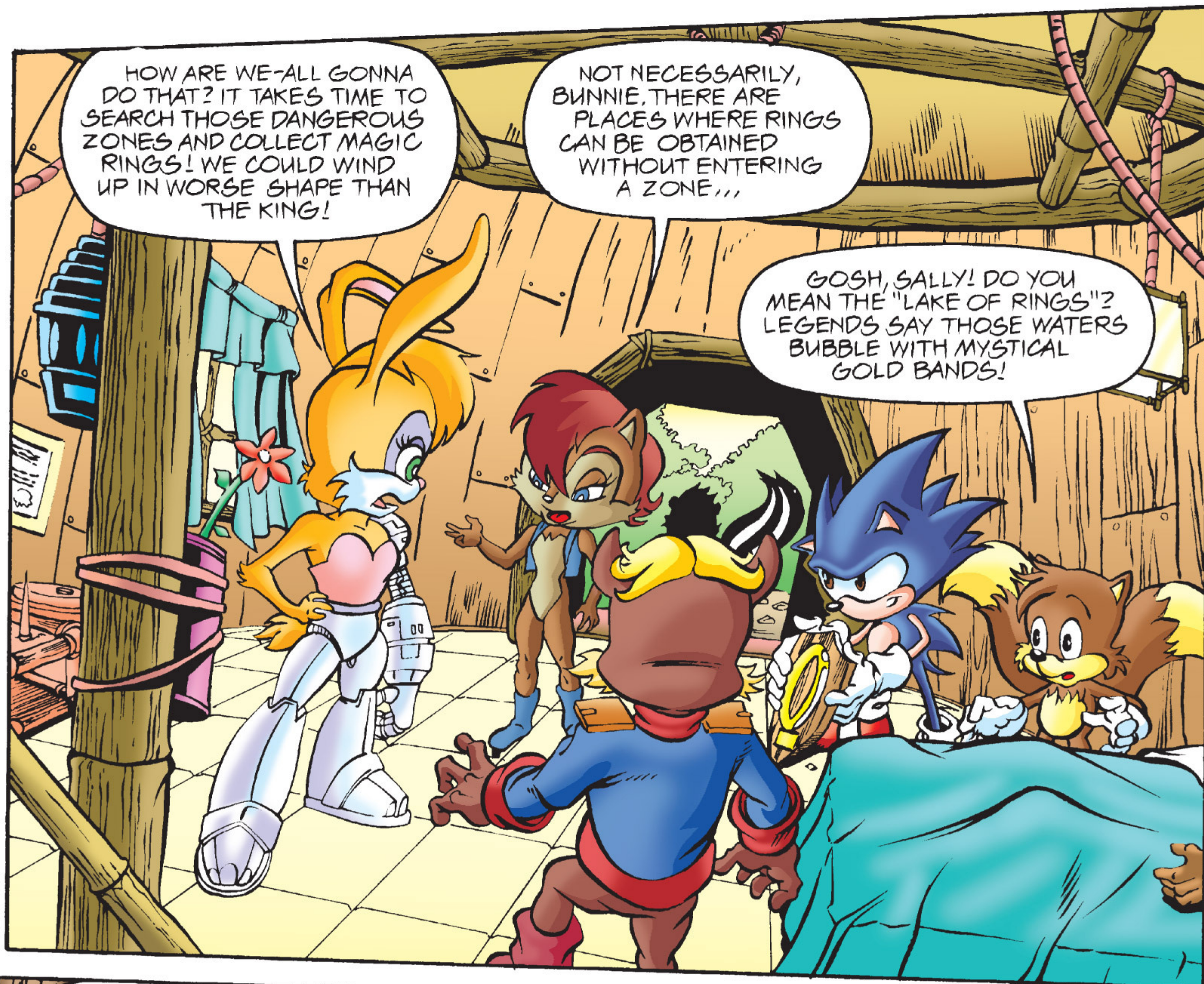
==GASP!==

Hmmm--

WE SAW NO CHAOS
EMERALDS OR MAGIC
RINGS IN THE ZONE OF
SILENCE! I WONDER
WHY?

SNAP!

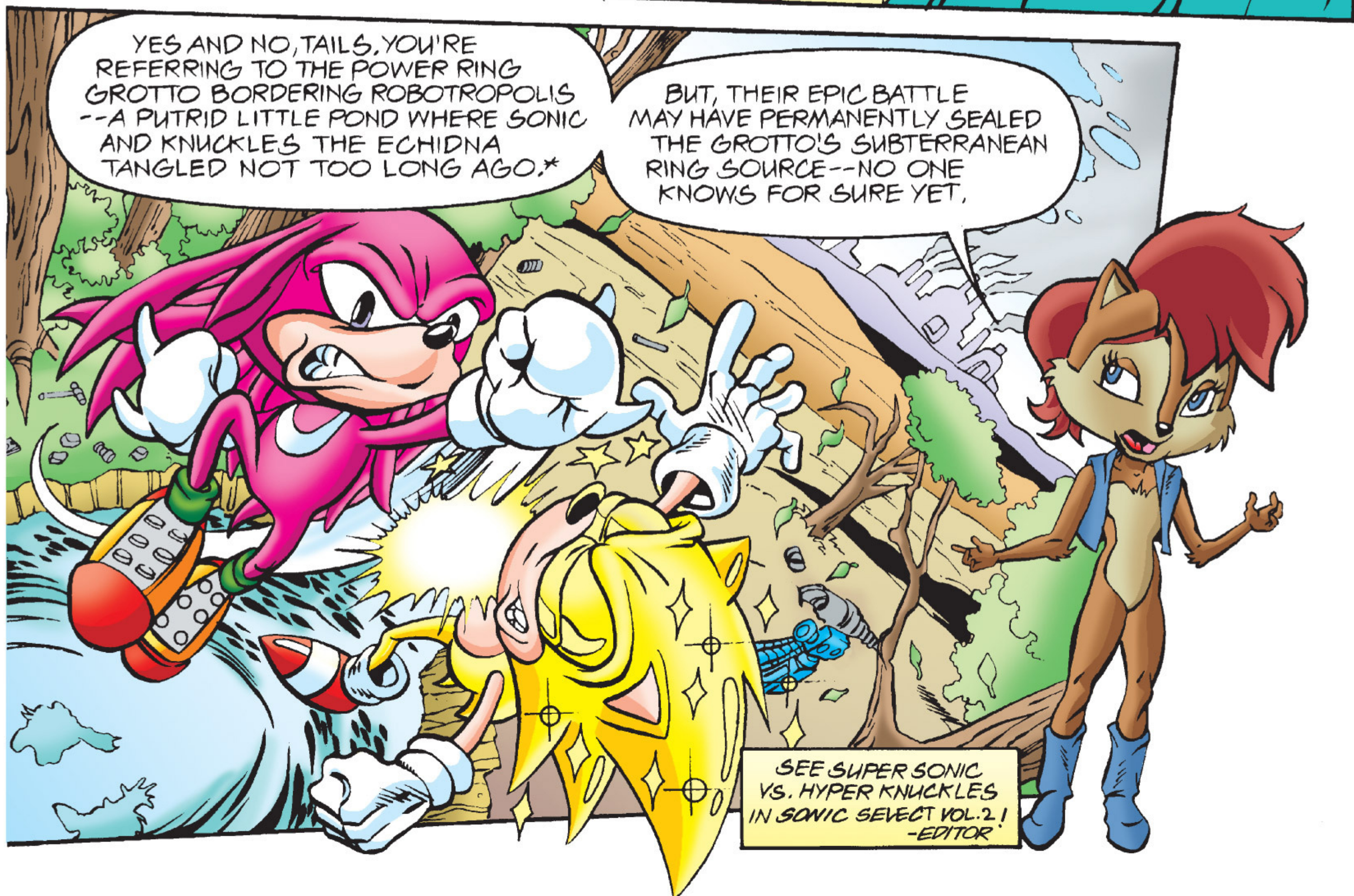




HOW ARE WE-ALL GONNA DO THAT? IT TAKES TIME TO SEARCH THOSE DANGEROUS ZONES AND COLLECT MAGIC RINGS! WE COULD WIND UP IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THE KING!

NOT NECESSARILY, BUNNIE, THERE ARE PLACES WHERE RINGS CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT ENTERING A ZONE...

GOSH, SALLY! DO YOU MEAN THE "LAKE OF RINGS"? LEGENDS SAY THOSE WATERS BUBBLE WITH MYSTICAL GOLD BANDS!



YES AND NO, TAILS, YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE POWER RING GROTTO BORDERING ROBOTROPOLIS --A PUTRID LITTLE POND WHERE SONIC AND KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA TANGLED NOT TOO LONG AGO.*

BUT, THEIR EPIC BATTLE MAY HAVE PERMANENTLY SEALED THE GROTTO'S SUBTERRANEAN RING SOURCE--NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE YET,

SEE SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES IN SONIC SEVECT VOL.2!
-EDITOR

HOWEVER, THE TRUE LAKE OF RINGS WAS ONLY RECENTLY DISCOVERED WHEN WE BATTLED ROBOTNIK'S COMBOTS DEEP IN THE GREAT FOREST.*

THE HIDDEN POND THAT SONIC DROVE INTO JUST BEFORE HE TEMPORARILY LOST HIS SUPER-SPEED POWERS WAS THE ONE THE LEGENDS SPEAK OF! BOTH AREAS MUST BE INVESTIGATED!

* SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 10.
--EDITOR

I'M DIVIDING US INTO THREE GROUPS. ANTOINE AND BUNNIE WILL HEAD FOR THE LAKE OF RINGS IN THE FOREST.

SHO'NUFF!

SONIC AND TAILS WILL EXPLORE THE RING GROTTO NEAR ROBOTROPOLIS,

RIGHTY-O!

YES, MA'AM!

ROTOR AND I WILL STAY HERE AND TRY TO KEEP THE KING COMFORTABLE.

MOVE OUT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT EVIL ROBOTNIK IS UP TO!

SONICQUEST: THE DEATH EGG SAGA

BOOK ONE

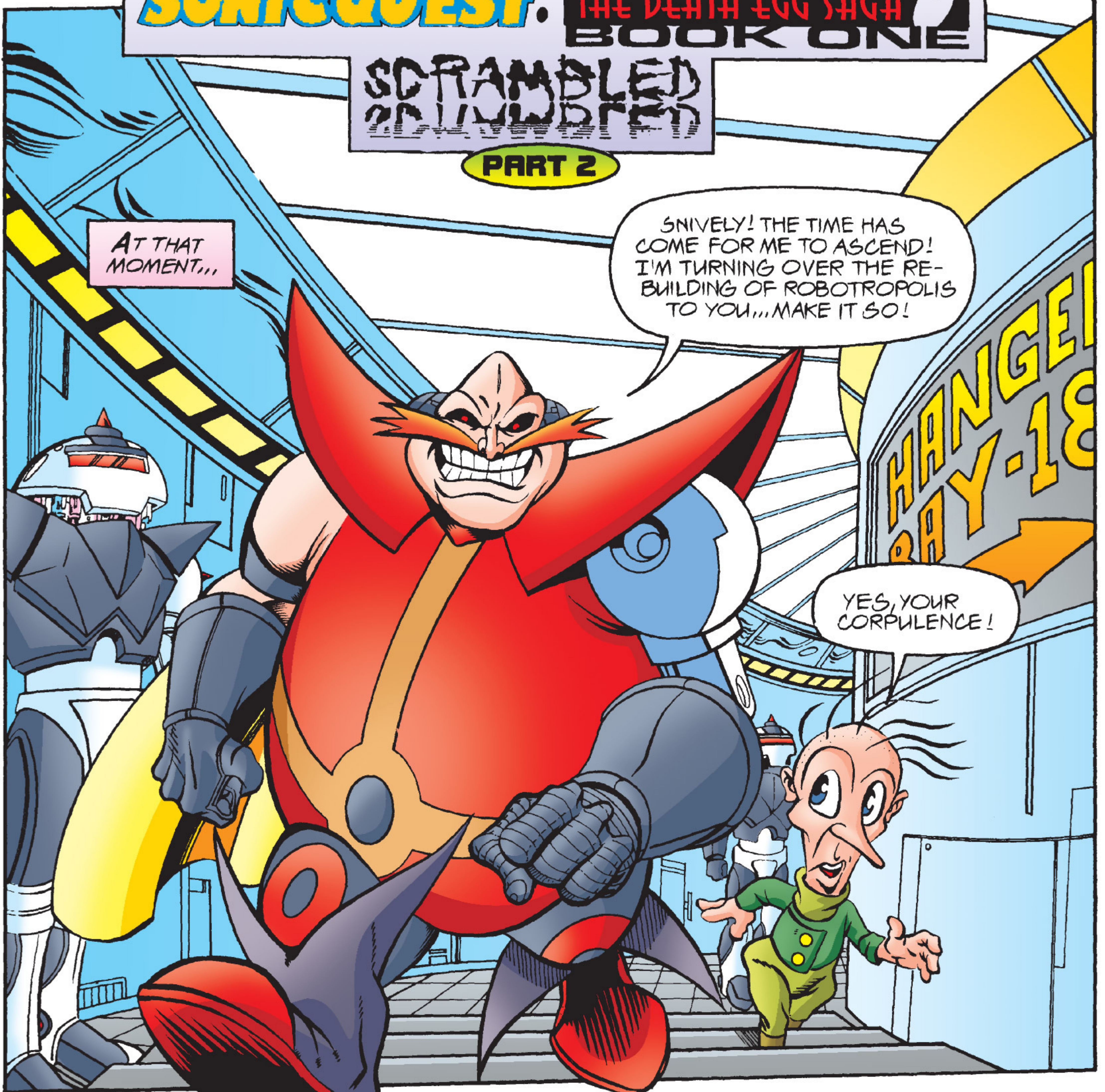
SCRAMBLED PRINCE

PART 2

AT THAT
MOMENT...

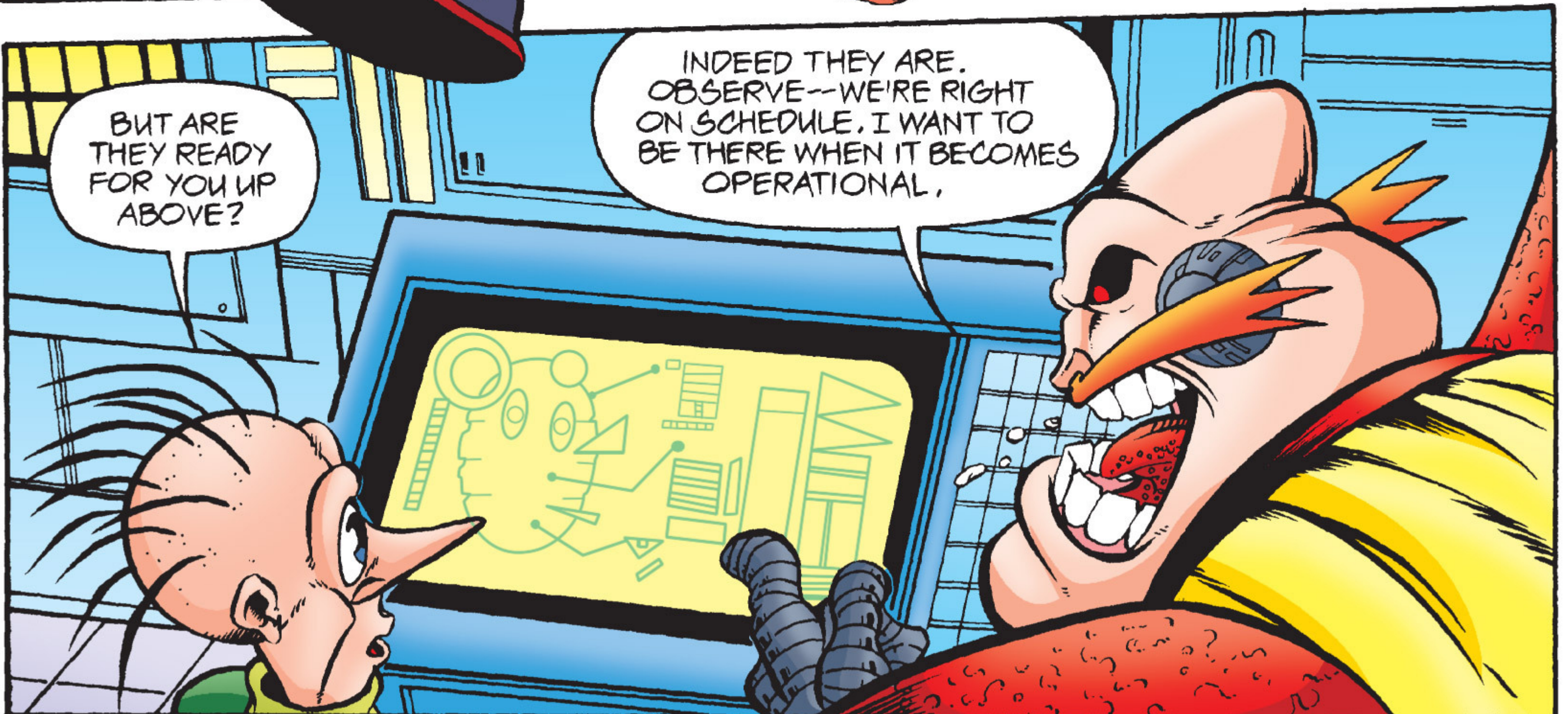
SNIVELY! THE TIME HAS
COME FOR ME TO ASCEND!
I'M TURNING OVER THE RE-
BUILDING OF ROBOTROPOLIS
TO YOU... MAKE IT SO!

YES, YOUR
CORPULENCE!



BUT ARE
THEY READY
FOR YOU UP
ABOVE?

INDEED THEY ARE.
OBSERVE--WE'RE RIGHT
ON SCHEDULE. I WANT TO
BE THERE WHEN IT BECOMES
OPERATIONAL.



WHEN WE RETREATED UP THERE DURING THE RECENT MOBIAN EARTHQUAKE, THEY WERE A LITTLE BEHIND--

--BUT I KICKED THOSE LITTLE BEHINDS NOW THEY'RE BACK ON TRACK! LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU, SNIVELY!

YES, MY LORD OF LARD,

YOU'RE IN CHARGE--DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD!

FMPLOOSH!

CHUCKLE AT LAST!

OKAY, SWATBOTS--STOP RECONSTRUCTION AND START WAITING ON ME HAND AND FOOT! I WANT A HOT BATH, MANICURE, MASSAGE AND BON-BONS IN BED!

ALSO, DESIGN ME A SHINY NEW UNIFORM AND CHANGE THE SIGNS TO SAY "SNIVOPOLIS",,

SHOULDN'T HE BE SENDING US ON PERIMETER PATROL TO DETECT INTRUDERS?

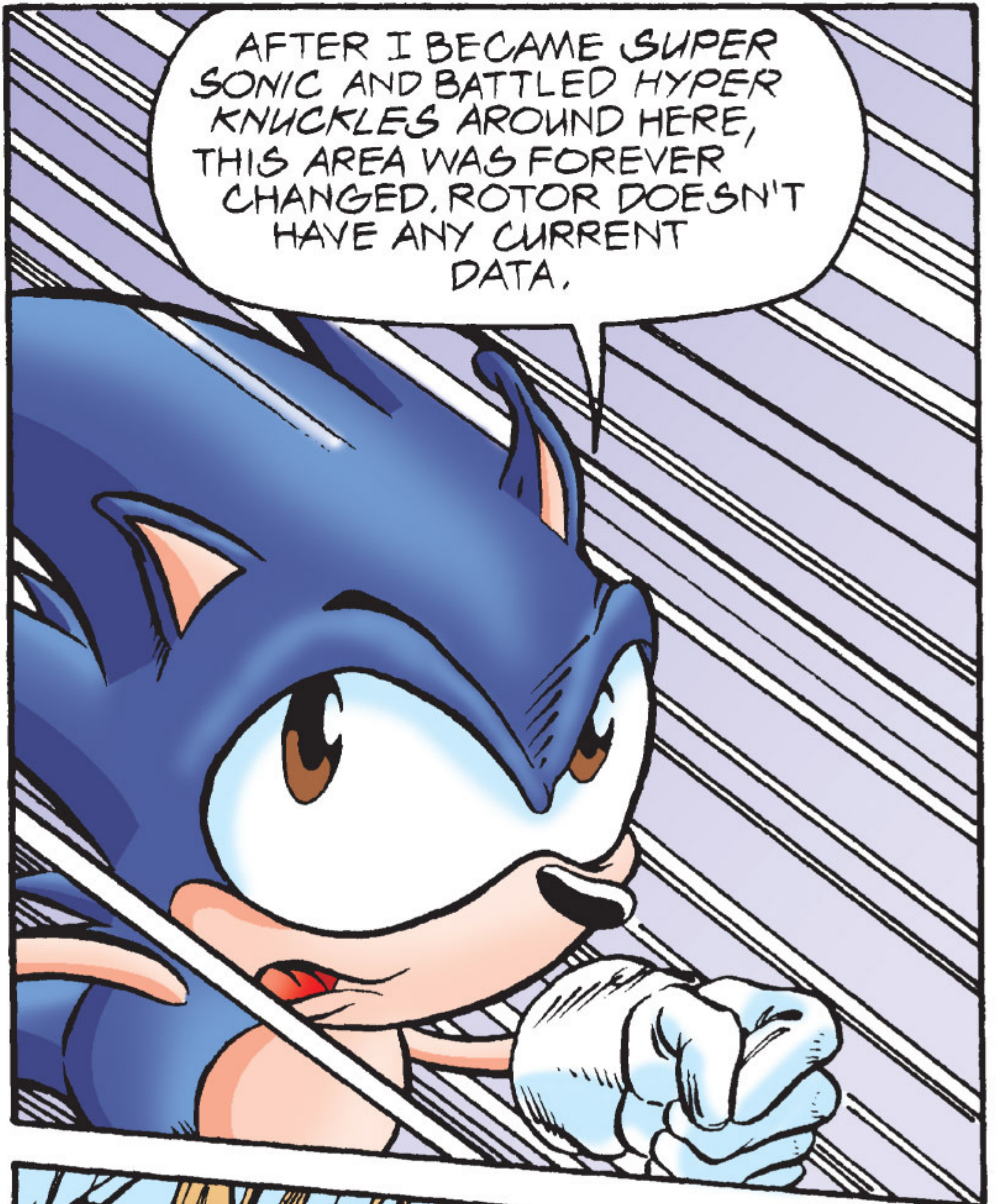
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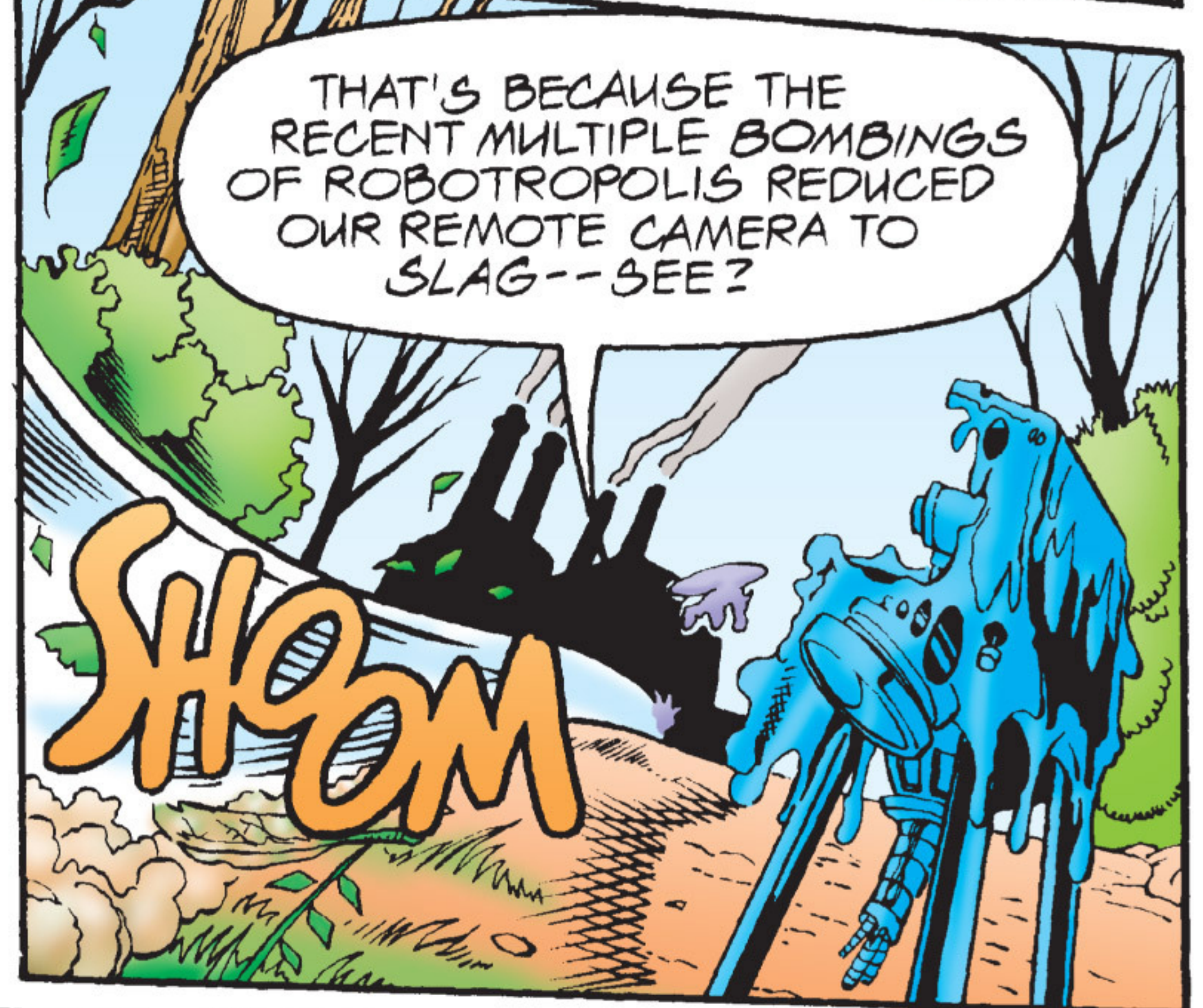
"INTRUDERS LIKE THAT INFERNAL HEDGEHOG NAMED--"

SONIC! WE'RE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS ... SHOULDN'T WE BE APPROACHING THE POWER RING GROTTO?

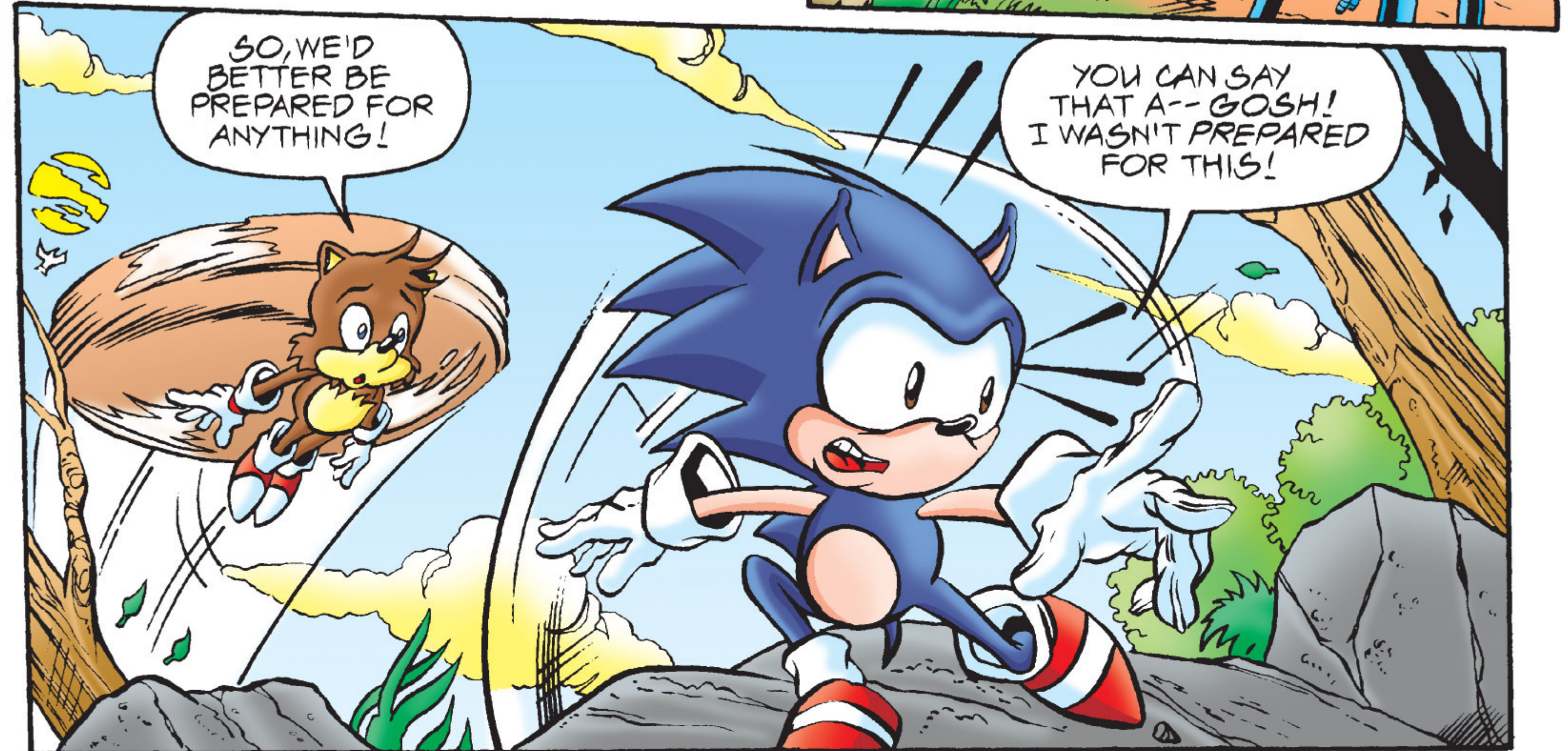
TEN-FOUR, LITTLE BUDDY! BUT REMEMBER WHAT SALLY SAID--



AFTER I BECAME SUPER SONIC AND BATTLED HYPER KNUCKLES AROUND HERE, THIS AREA WAS FOREVER CHANGED. ROTOR DOESN'T HAVE ANY CURRENT DATA.



THAT'S BECAUSE THE RECENT MULTIPLE BOMBINGS OF ROBOTROPOLIS REDUCED OUR REMOTE CAMERA TO SLAG-- SEE?



SO, WE'D BETTER BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING!

YOU CAN SAY THAT A-- GOSH! I WASN'T PREPARED FOR THIS!

THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE GROTTO HAS BEEN SEALED UNDERNEATH A DOME OF IMPENETRABLE STEEL!

HOLY PEPPERONI! WHEN AND HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

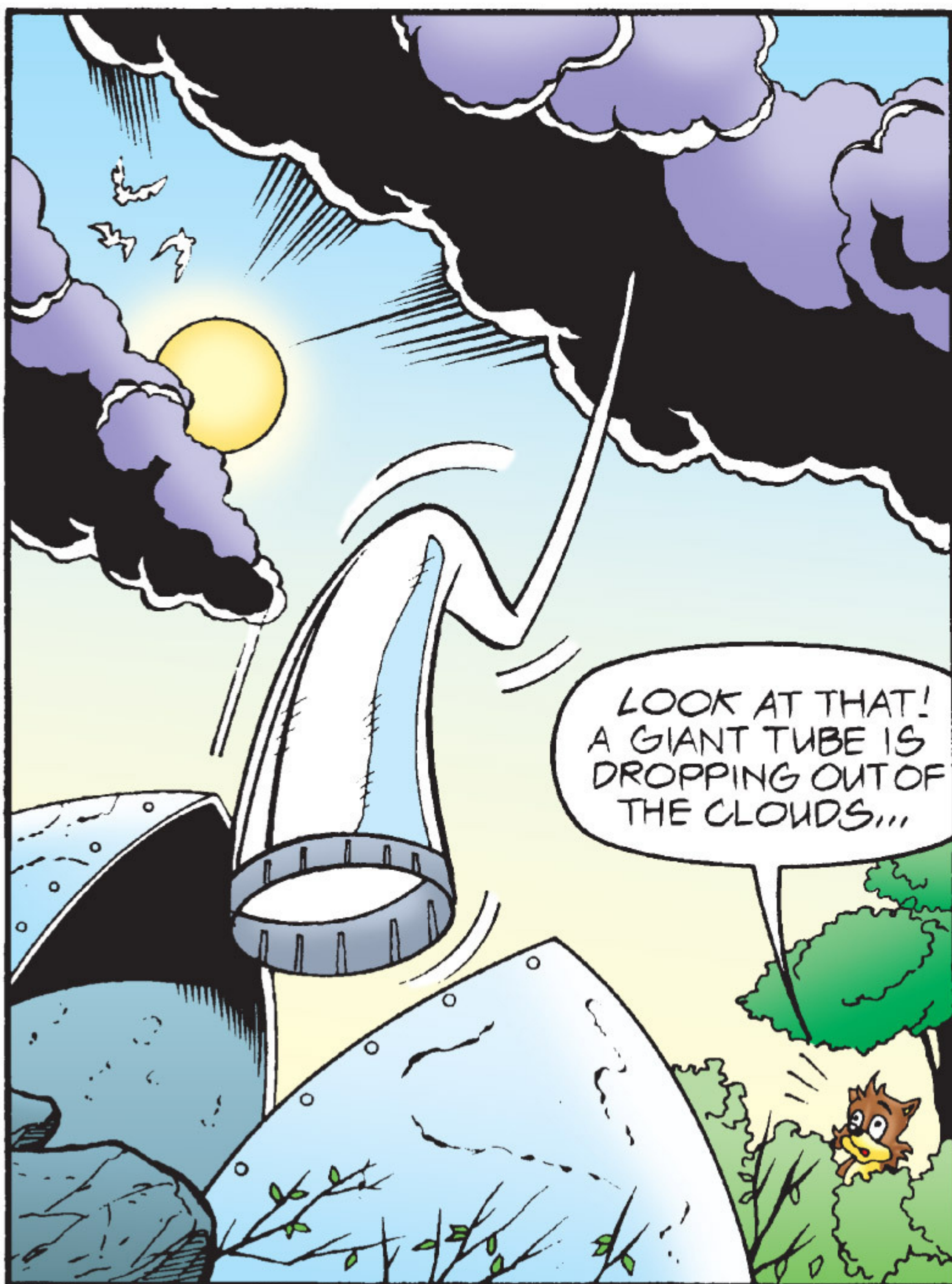
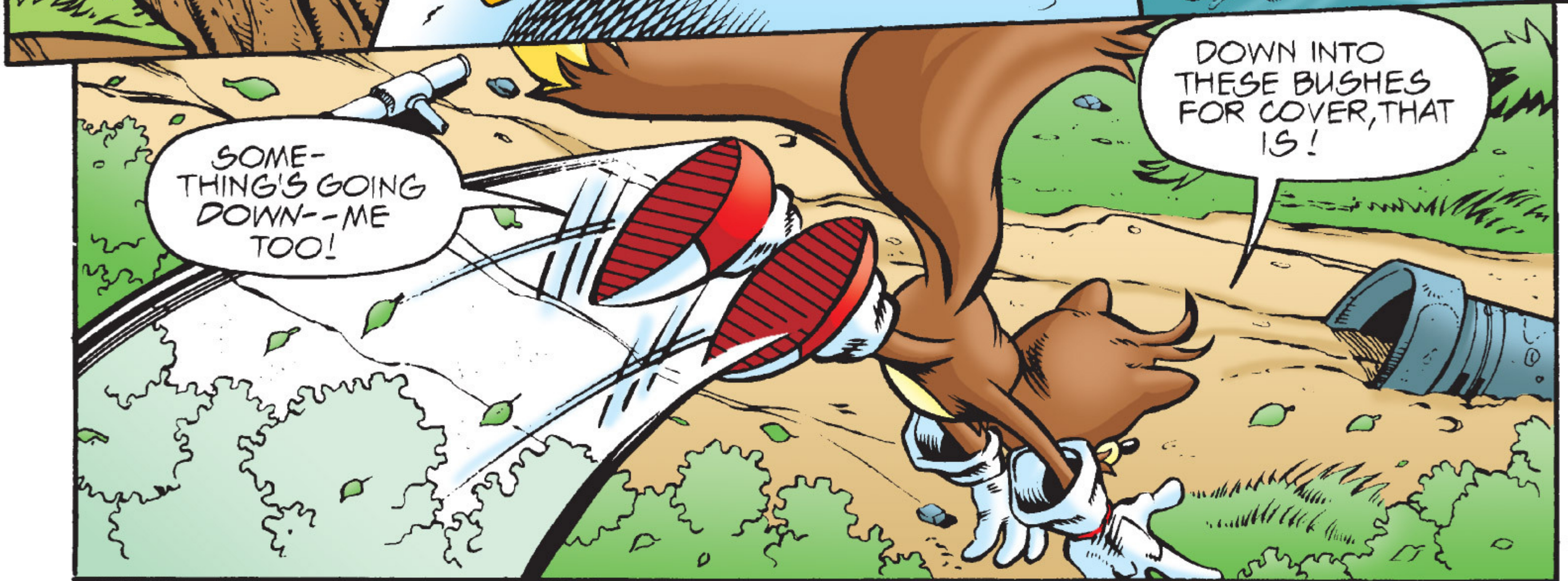
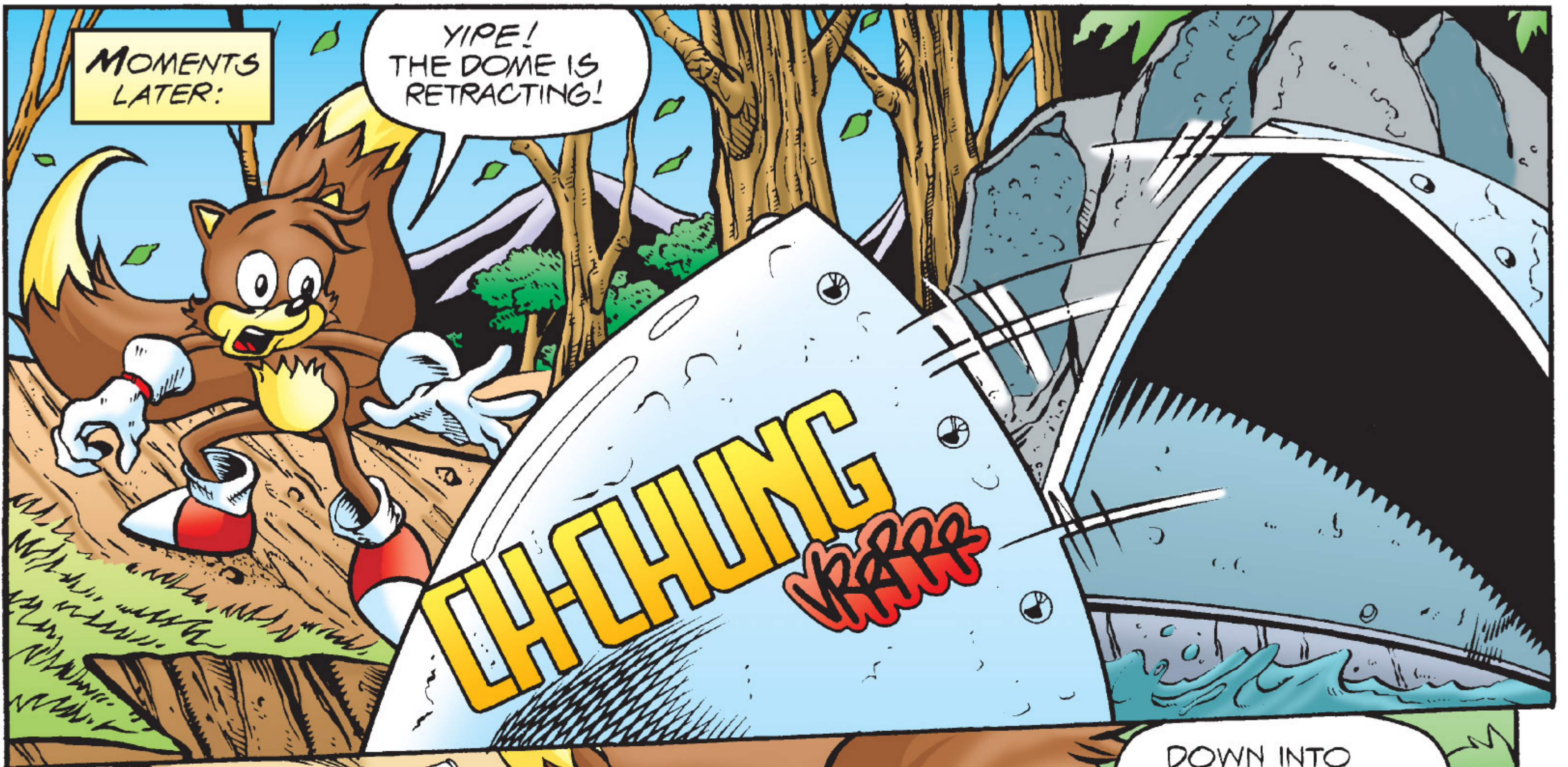
I DON'T KNOW, HMMMM-- BUT I DO KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT--

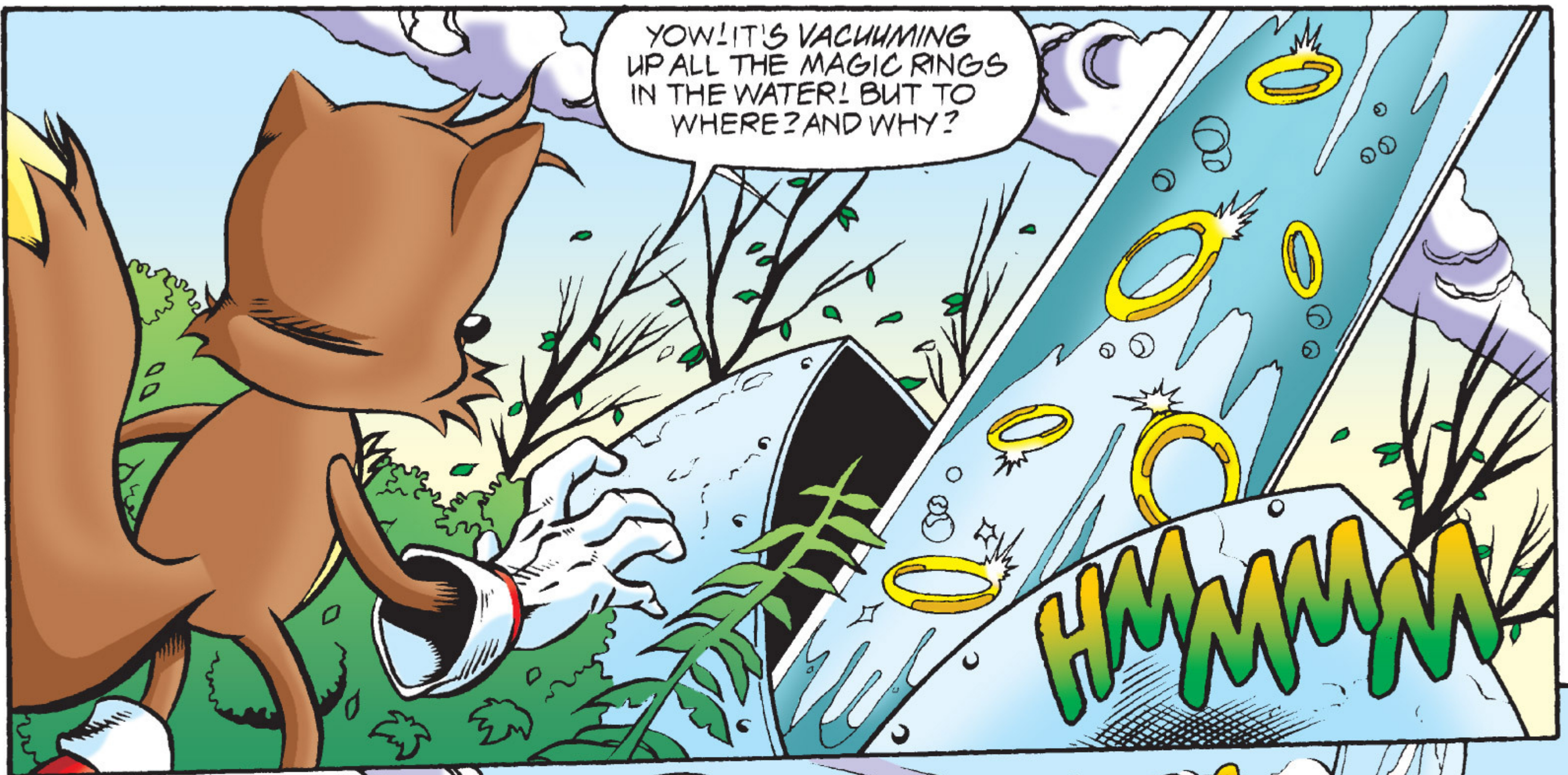
JUST WEST OF HERE, IN THE MOBIAN CLIFFS, LIVES A COLONY OF AIRBORNE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. THEIR LEADER IS A BIG BRUISER OF A BIRD NAMED CARL CONDOR.

WHY DON'T I WAIT HERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE DOME WHILE YOU CONTACT HIM?

YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH! I'LL BE BACK IN A **FLASH**... NO COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT INTENDED!

VVA-VROOM!





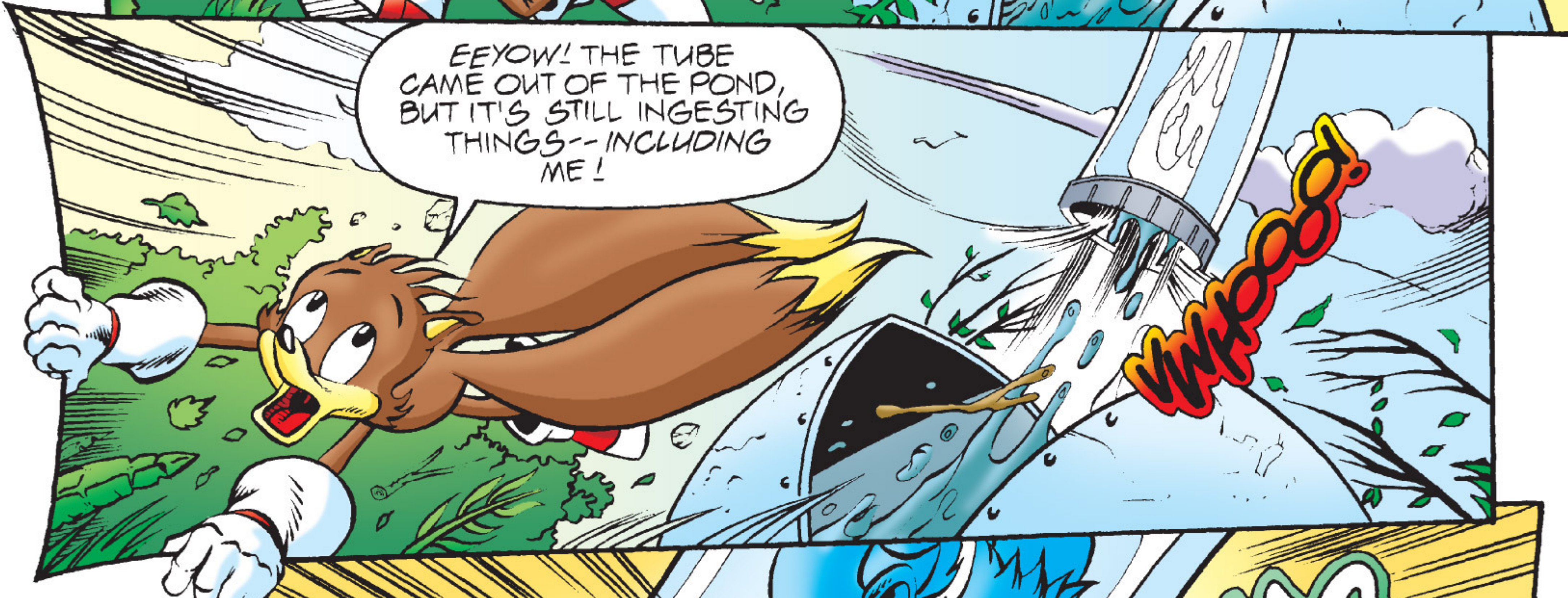
YOW! IT'S VACUUMING UP ALL THE MAGIC RINGS IN THE WATER! BUT TO WHERE? AND WHY?

HMMMMM



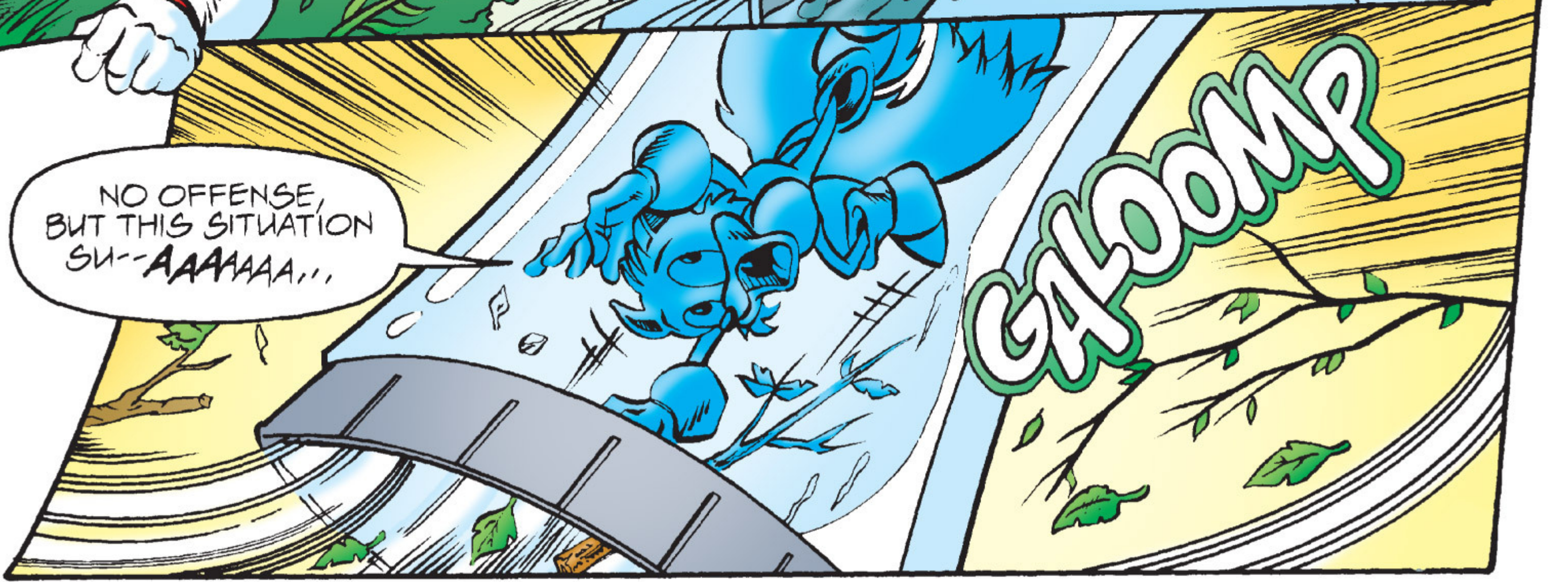
I'D BETTER GET SONIC TO HELP ME ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS...

Schlopp!



EYEW! THE TUBE CAME OUT OF THE POND, BUT IT'S STILL INGESTING THINGS--INCLUDING ME!

Wheeee!



NO OFFENSE, BUT THIS SITUATION SU--AAAAAA...

GLOOMP

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THE DEATH EGG SAGA
BOOK ONE

SCRAMBLED
PAINWHEEL

PART 3

MEANWHILE...

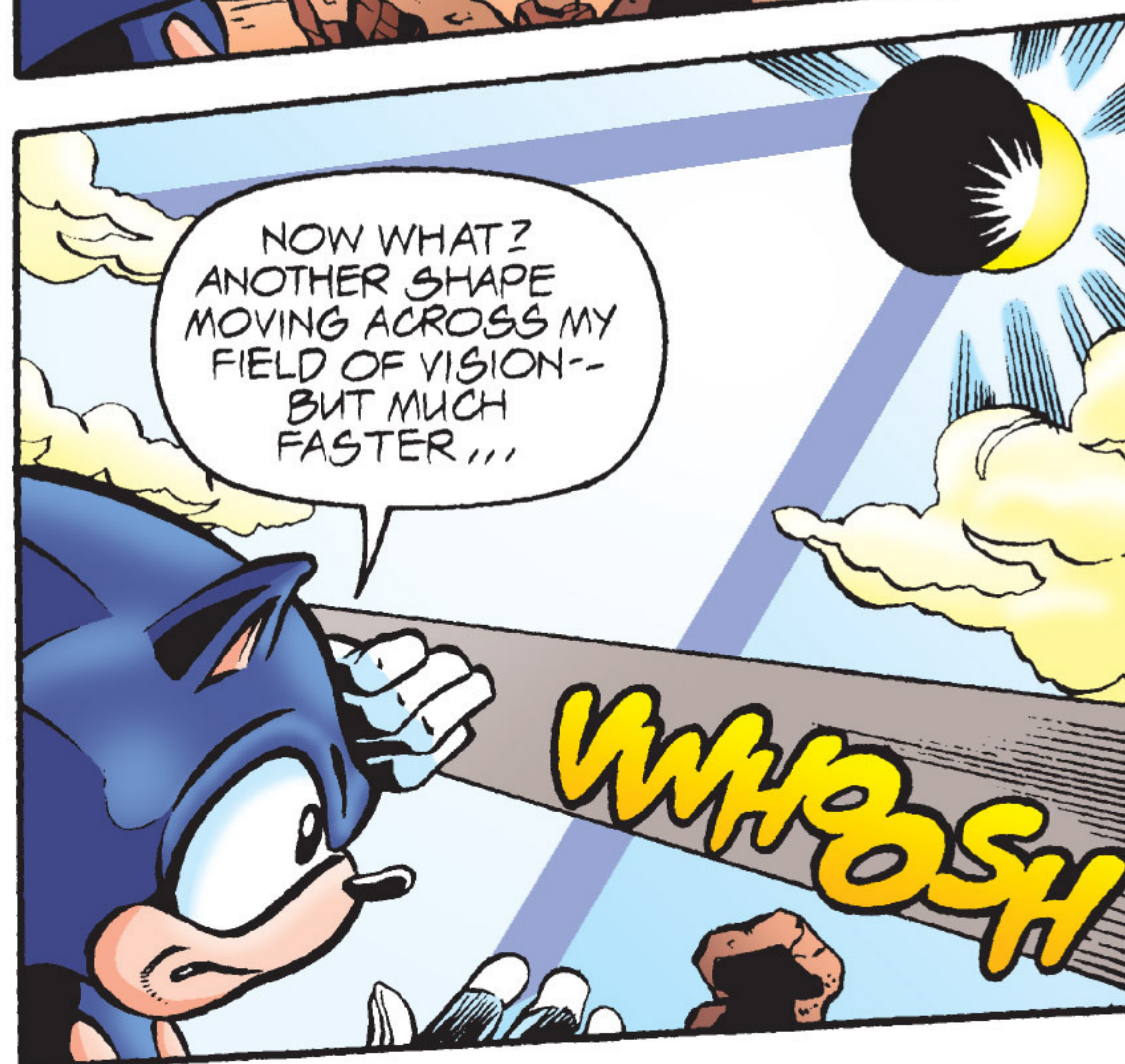
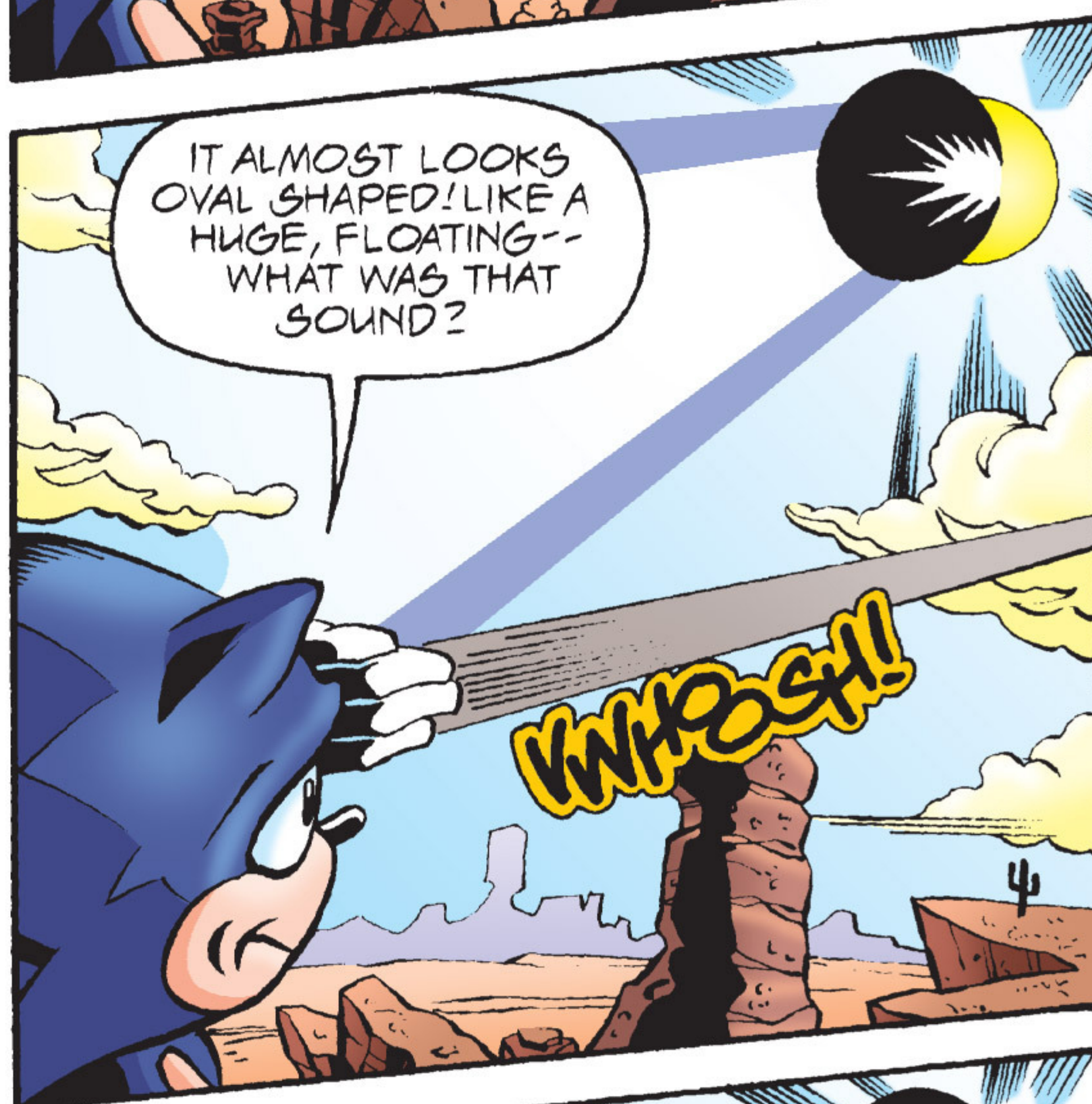
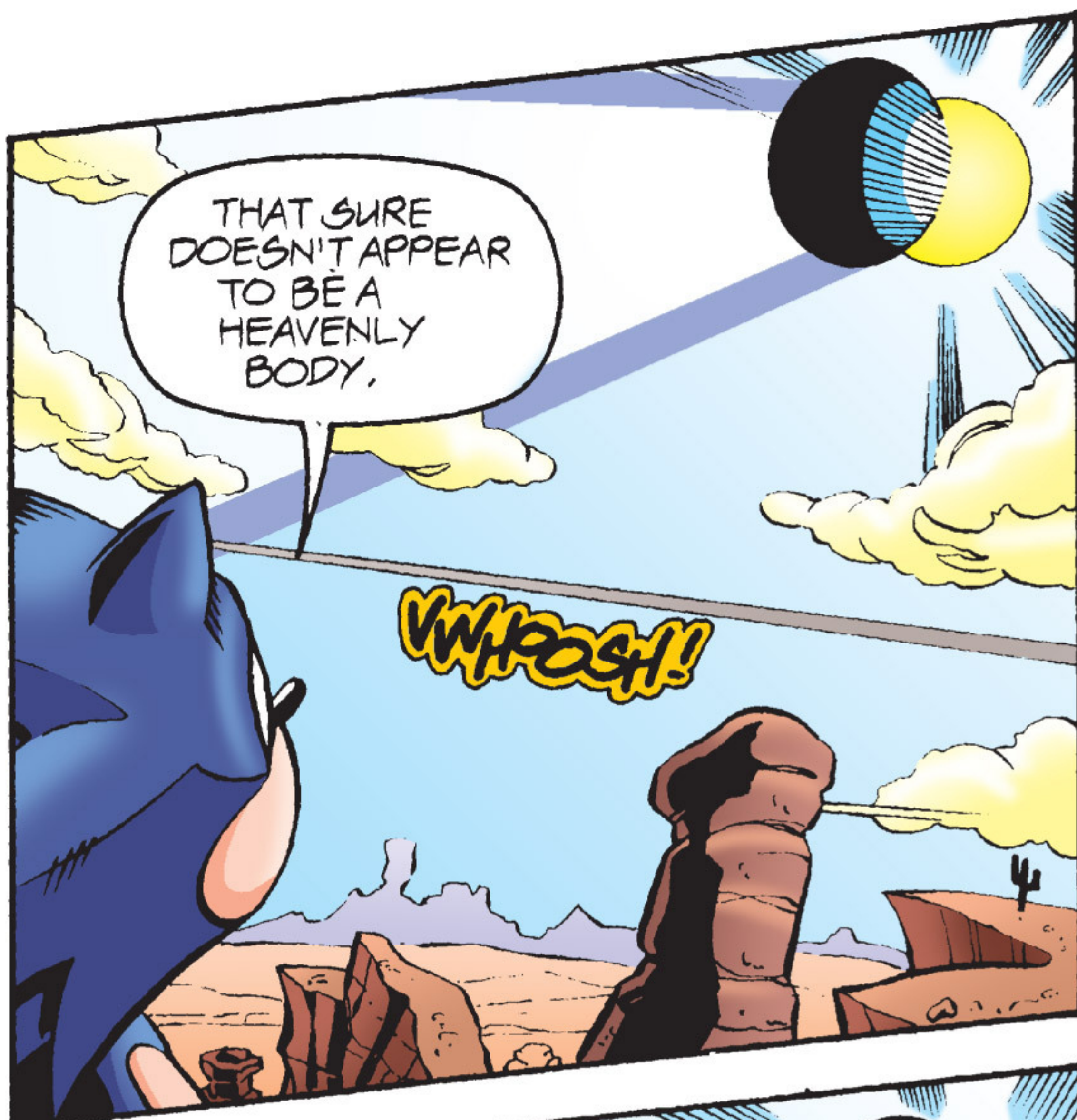
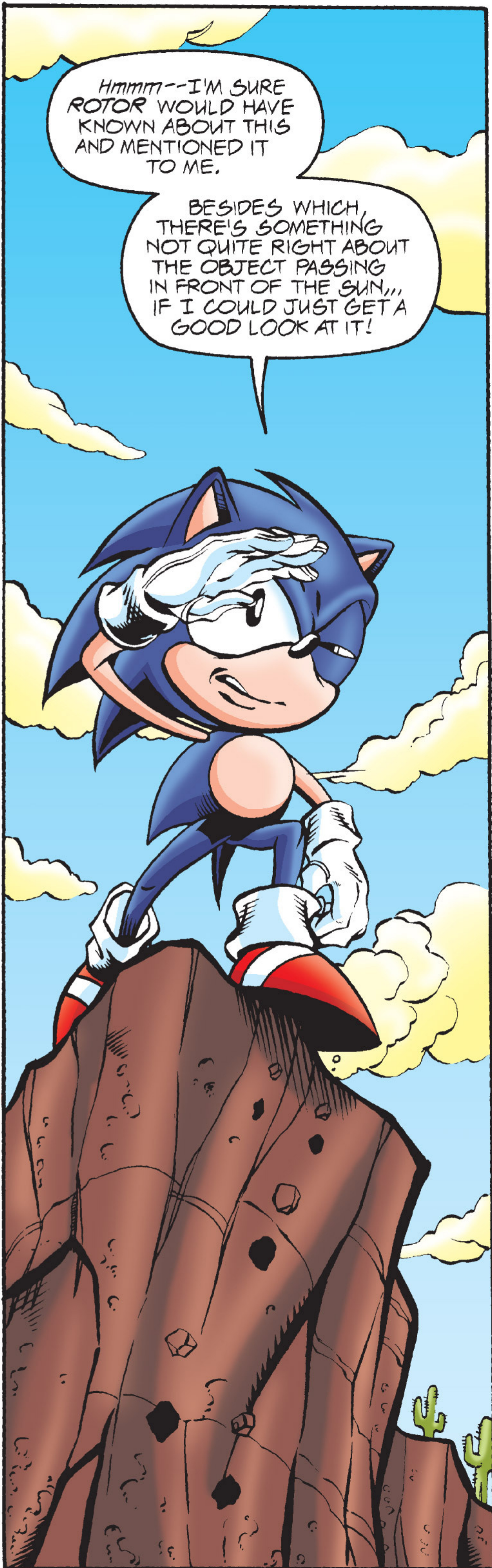
I OUGHT TO BE ABLE
TO SPOT CARL CONDOR
FROM THIS OUTCROPPING...
UNLESS OL' EAGLE EYES
SPOTS ME FIRST!

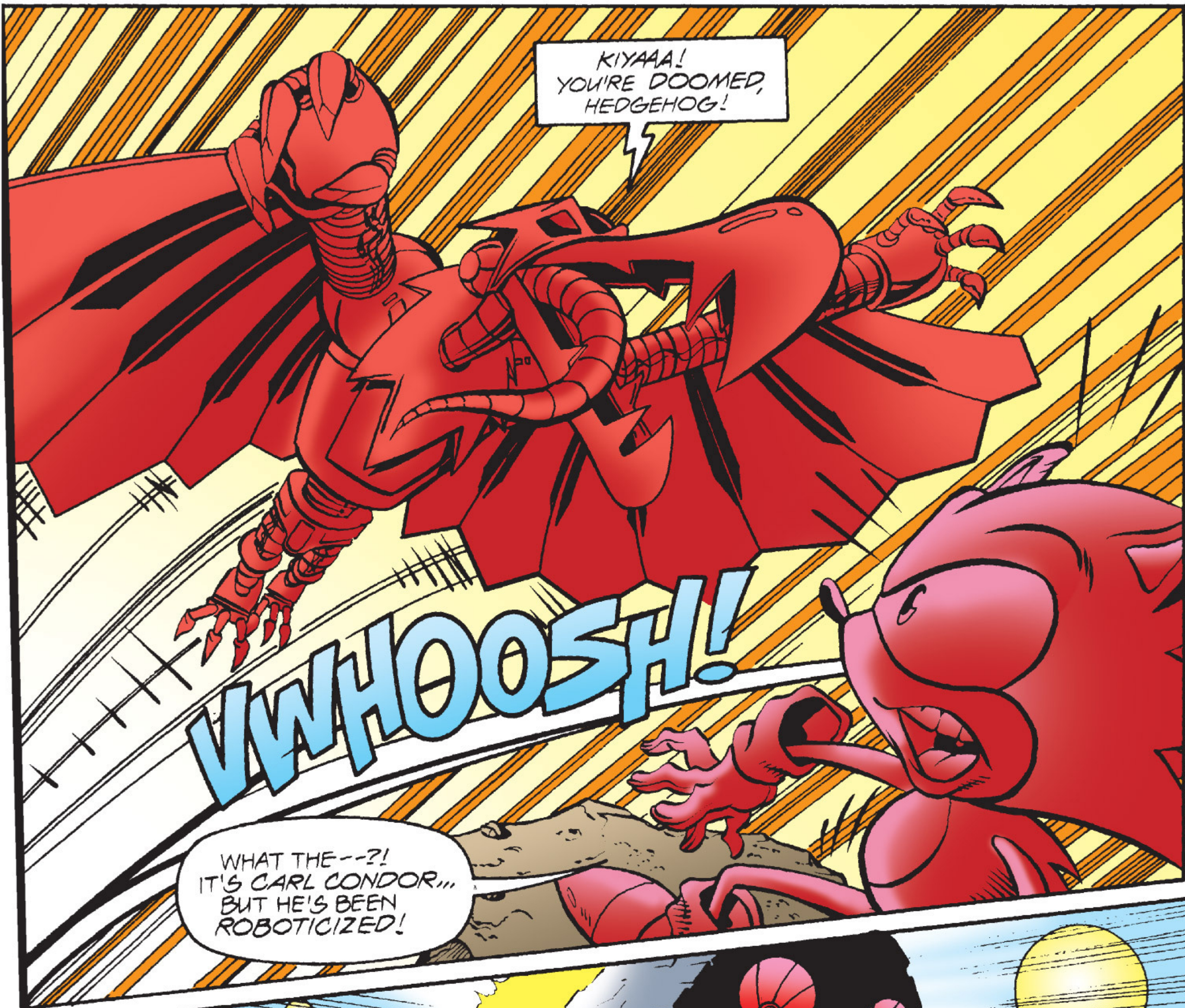
HELLO!

SCREEECH!

HELLO
HELLO
HELLO

OWW--WHAT'S
WITH THE SUN? I
DIDN'T KNOW WE
WERE DUE FOR
A SOLAR
ECLIPSE!





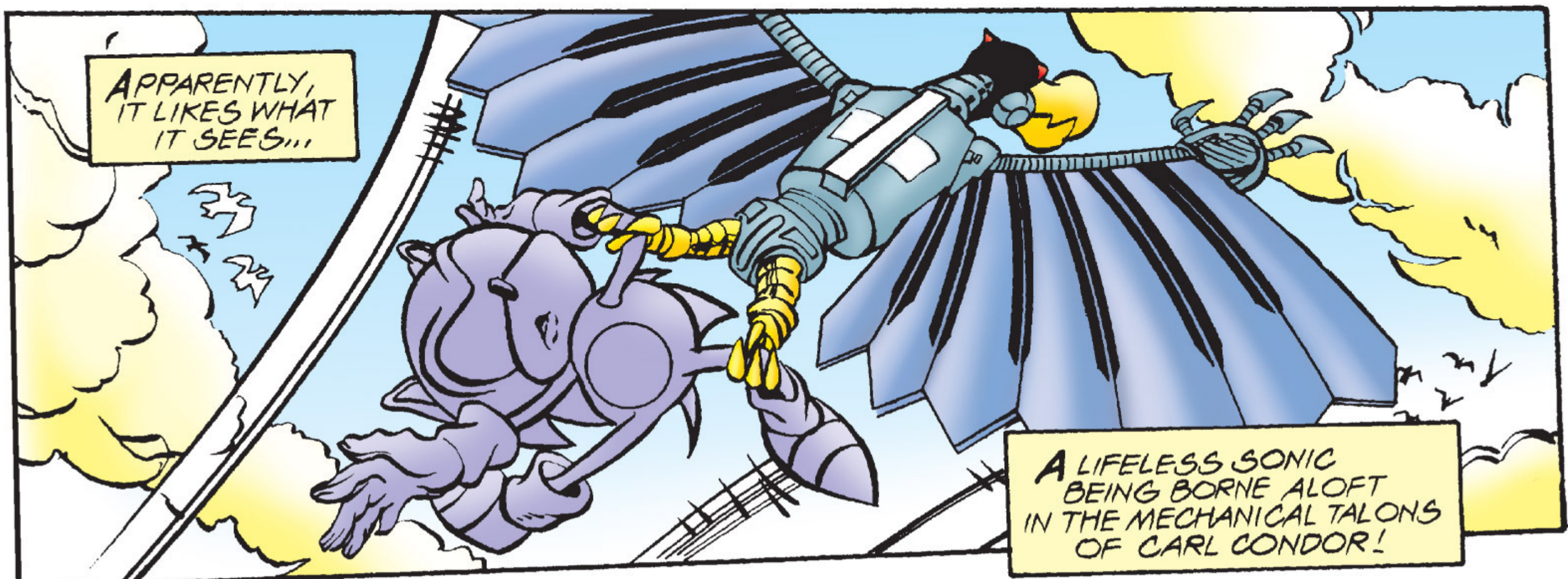
KIYAAA!
YOU'RE DOOMED,
HEDGEHOG!

WHAT THE--?!
IT'S CARL CONDOR...
BUT HE'S BEEN
ROBOTICIZED!

VWWHOOSH!

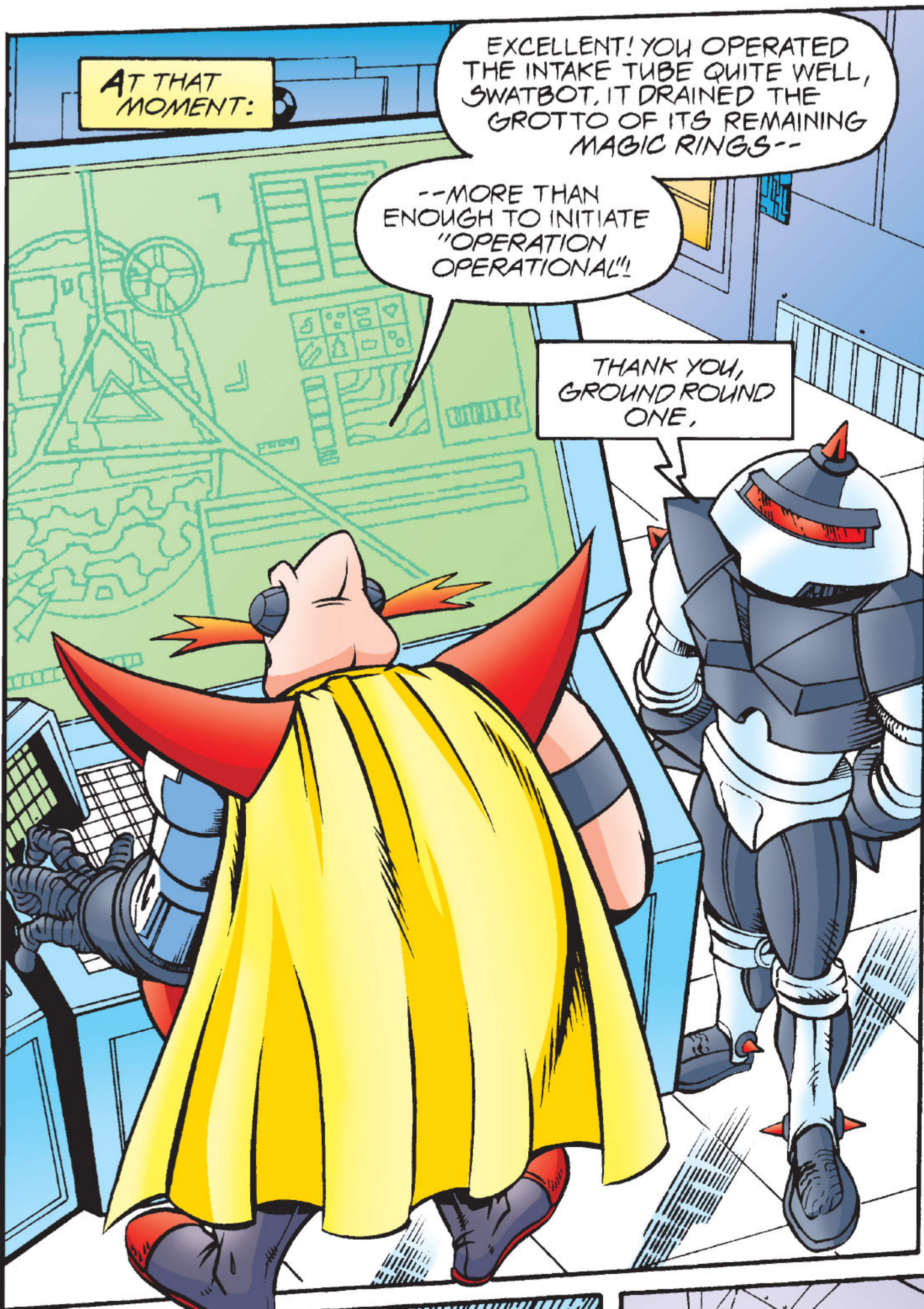
OUT OF HIS ELEMENT
AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
FROM SQUINTING AT THE
SUN, THE BATTLE ENDS
QUICKLY...

WHILE UP ABOVE,
THE UNKNOWN
OBJECT MOVING
ACROSS THE SKY
ALMOST SEEMS TO
BE WATCHING!



APPARENTLY,
IT LIKES WHAT
IT SEES...

A LIFELESS SONIC
BEING BORNE ALOFT
IN THE MECHANICAL TALONS
OF CARL CONDOR!



AT THAT MOMENT:

EXCELLENT! YOU OPERATED THE INTAKE TUBE QUITE WELL, SWATBOT. IT DRAINED THE GROTTO OF ITS REMAINING MAGIC RINGS--

--MORE THAN ENOUGH TO INITIATE "OPERATION OPERATIONAL"!

THANK YOU, GROUND ROUND ONE.



BUT WHAT'S THIS? YOU FAILED TO DISCONTINUE INGESTION AFTER REMOVING IT FROM THE WATER! AS A RESULT, SEVERAL TONS OF DEBRIS WERE TAKEN ABOARD THIS VESSEL!

THIS EXCESS WEIGHT AND THE TIME IT WILL TAKE TO SEPARATE IT FROM THE RINGS WILL DELAY MY SCHEDULE!

UHP! I ONLY MEANT TO BE THOROUGH!



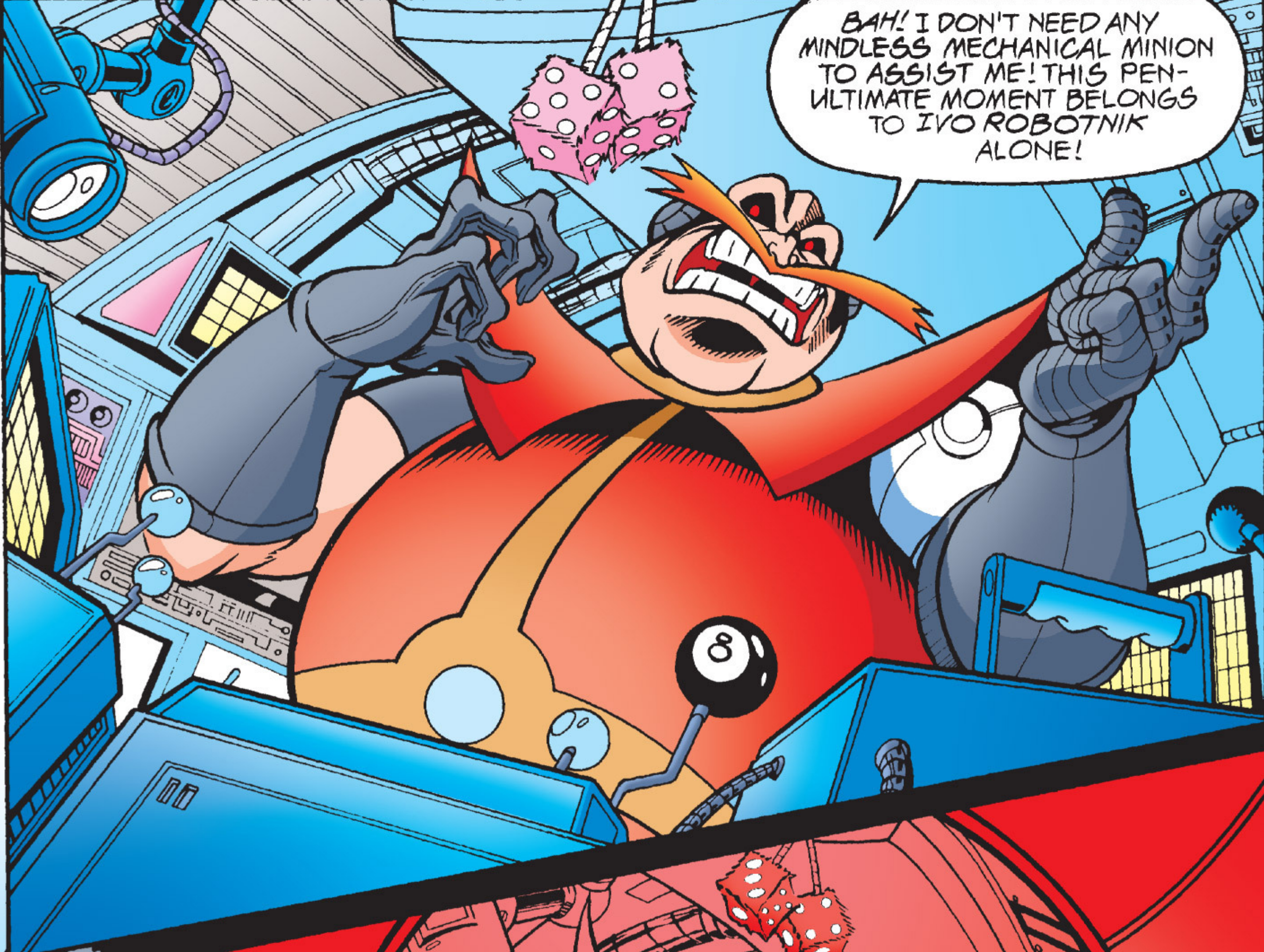
YOU'RE NOT THOROUGH-- YOU'RE THROUGH!

KTANG!



DOWN THE GARBAGE CHUTE YOU GO-- JOIN THE REST OF THE TRASH!

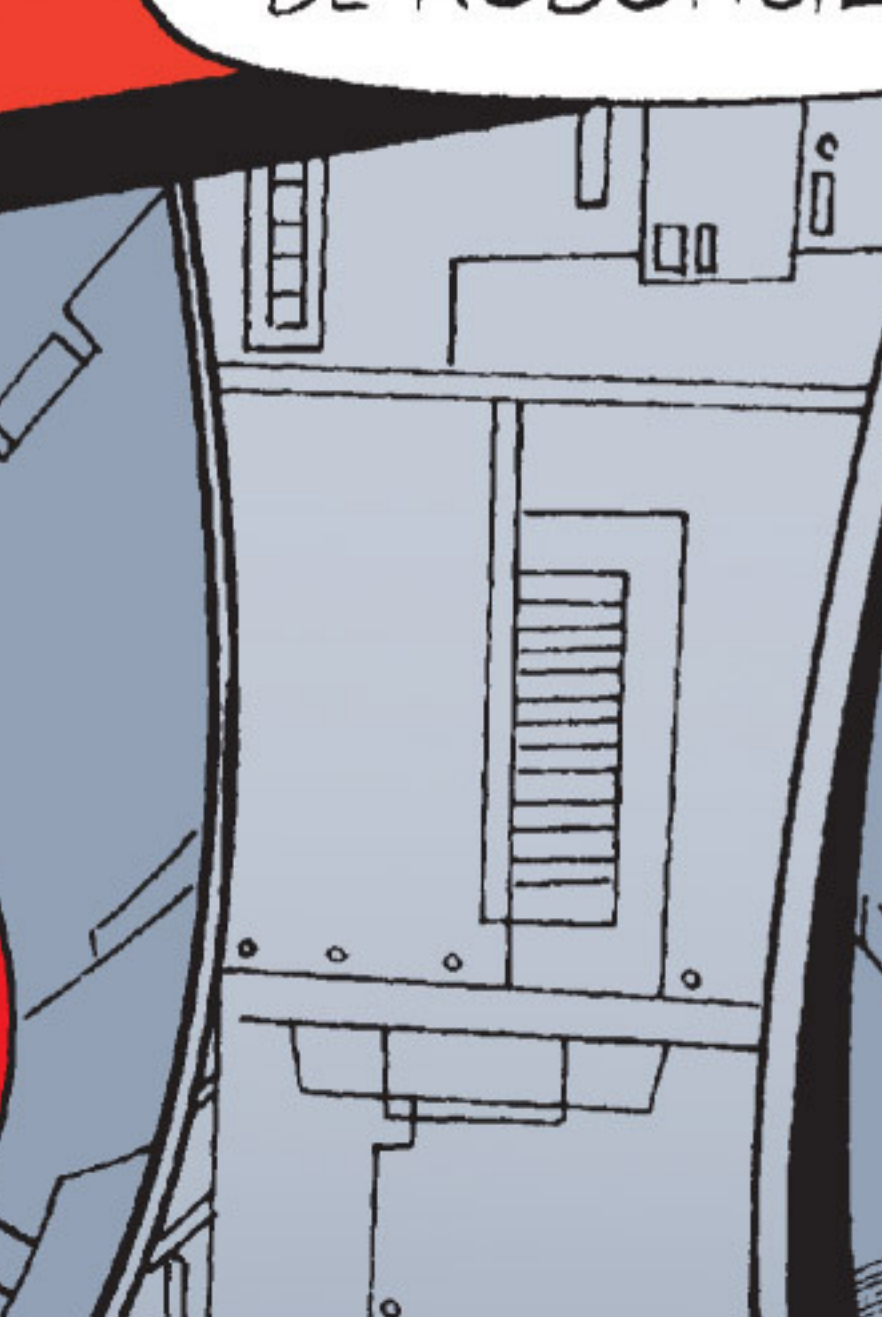
CRASH!



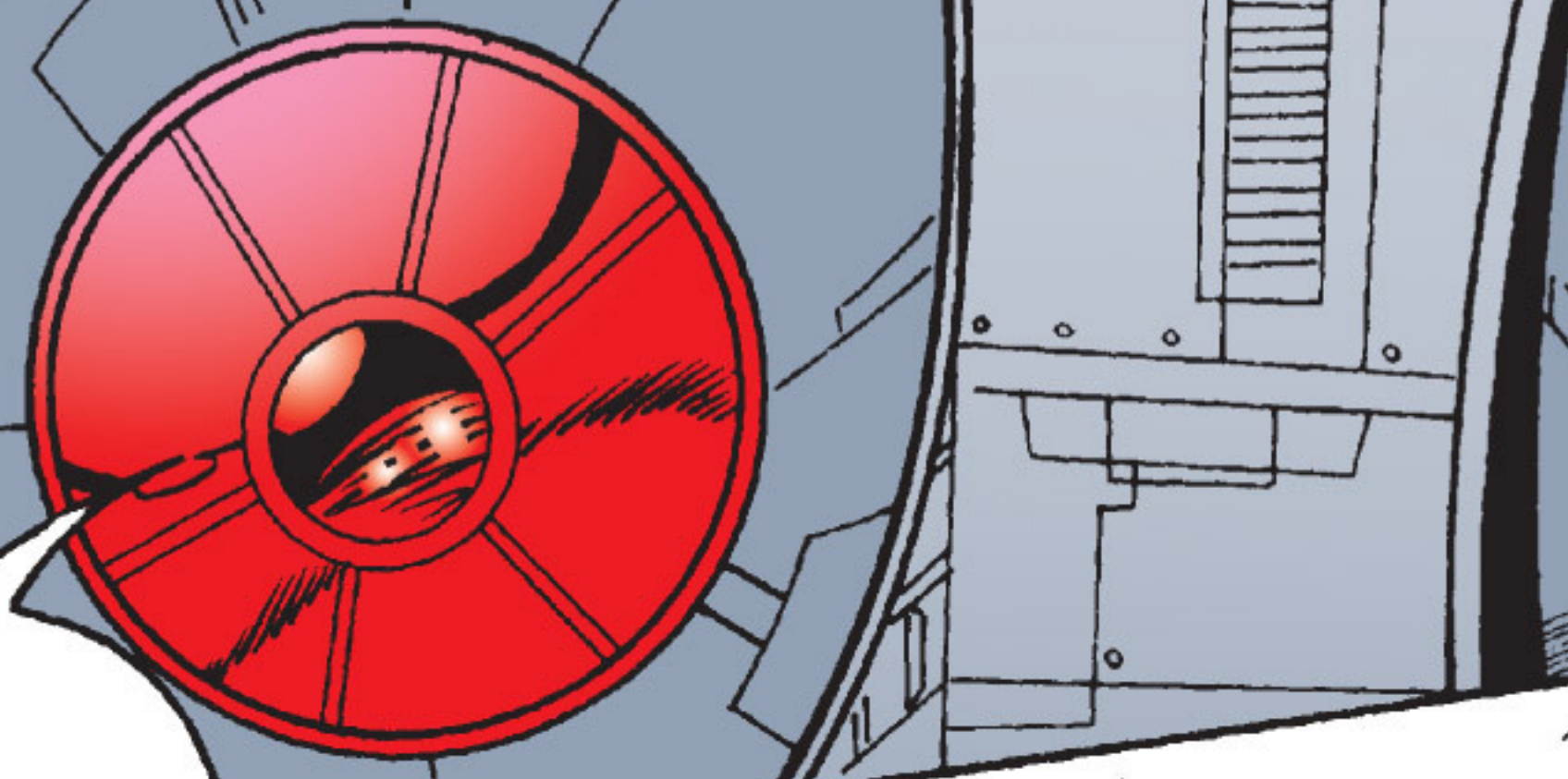
BAH! I DON'T NEED ANY MINDLESS MECHANICAL MINION TO ASSIST ME! THIS PEN-ULTIMATE MOMENT BELONGS TO IVO ROBOTNIK ALONE!



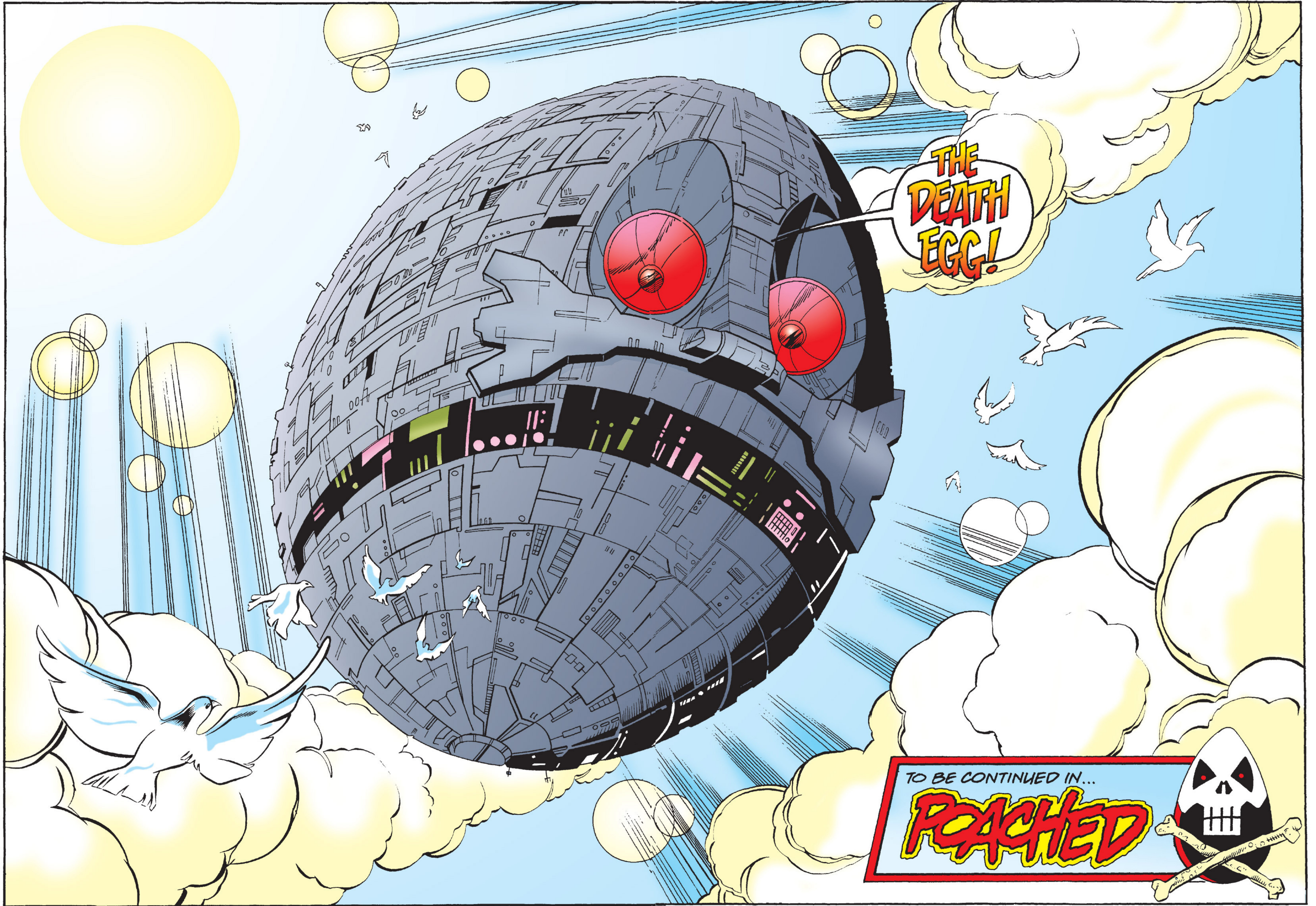
THE COUNT-DOWN TO MY FINAL VICTORY HAS BEGUN!



SOON, EVERY LIVING THING ON PLANET MOBIUS WILL BE ROBOTICIZED!



AND I SHALL WATCH EVERY DASTARDLY DELICIOUS MOMENT FROM UP HERE--PERCHED HIGH ABOVE THE DOOMED WORLD IN THIS, MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION...



THE
DEATH
EGG!

TO BE CONTINUED IN...

POACHED

